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More relief funds scrutiny for West Haven

Expenditures include firehouse project, hand sanitizer business and hiring of a marching band

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

A West Haven city councilor's tow truck company got nearly \$20,000 in COVID relief money, much of it for delivering food or cleaning up after events. A rookie state legislator was paid

with COVID money to help plan for a new firehouse in West Haven. The city bought about \$12,000 of "West Haven Thank You Coins" and "Hand Sanitizer Business Cards" as rewards in a city employee COVID-19 recognition program. West Haven's spending of

COVID-19 relief funds came under widespread scrutiny in October when two city employees were accused by the FBI of stealing about half its \$1.2 million grant. City Council aide and former state Rep. Michael DiMassa, along with former city housing officer John Bernardo, both Democrats, are accused of using a consulting business to create phony billings that defrauded West Haven of about \$636,000 over a matter of months.

The balance of the city's emergency spending requests are outlined in a series of documents obtained by the Courant. A good portion of the pandemic-related expenses for which the city of West Haven is seeking reimbursement include tens of thousands of dollars to start and staff vaccination clinics, and thousands more for more for disinfecting supplies, cleaning services, plexiglass shields for city offices and rental equipment.

But there are other expenditures as well. There is the \$7,674.50 it cost to bring The Patriot Brass Ensemble to town from New York to lead the Memorial Day parade. Local bands weren't marching during the pandemic, so West Haven decided it "had to go out of state for parade support," according to the city payment voucher.

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In need of repair

The \$1.25 trillion infrastructure package approved by Congress will fix some of the state's biggest transportation headaches. Here's a look at some specific projects.

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

From New London to Danbury, numerous highways and bridges will now be repaired in Connecticut with the passage of the long-delayed federal infrastructure bill.

The Connecticut Congressional delegation hailed the passage of the \$1.25 trillion bill as they stood Monday on the train platform at Hartford's Union Station. They were surrounded by construction workers who will be building the projects that include railroads and highways, among others.

Connecticut would receive \$5.38 billion over the next five years or approximately \$1 billion per year. This includes \$3.29 billion for major road projects, \$1.3 billion for buses and railroads, \$561 million to strengthen bridges, and \$100 million for extending computer broadband coverage around the state and to low-income families.

"Soon people in eastern Connecticut are going to see the scaffolding for repairs start to go up at the Gold Star Bridge," said U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-2nd. "They'll notice construction gearing up for the new Enfield train platform, repairs being made to the Haddam Swing Bridge, upgrades to highways and roads across our district, and high-speed internet suddenly available in our rural communities. When we see all of that, remember that the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is what's giving us the ability to get it all done."

Some of the projects that will receive federal funding include:

The Gold Star Bridge: The reconstruction of the northbound side of the Gold Star Bridge that connects

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TOP: The aging elevated highway through Hartford (the viaduct) is one of Connecticut's biggest transportation problems. Money from the infrastructure bill just passed by Congress will go toward studying this problem further. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

MIDDLE: Another \$250 million will be spent to finish work on the Gold Star Bridge between New London and Groton. **FILE**

BOTTOM: Amtrak Acela train travels along the shore in Old Saybrook. A new Amtrak bridge over the Connecticut River in Old Saybrook will be constructed. **MICHAEL DWYER/AP**



MaKensi Kastl greets her boyfriend Thierry Coudassot after he arrived in Newark, New Jersey, from France. **SETH WENIG/AP**

US fully reopens borders to some

Joyous hugs mark entry by vaccinated after 20 months

By Elliot Spagat and Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Parents held children born while they were stuck abroad. Long-separated couples kissed, and grandparents embraced grandchildren who had doubled in age.

The U.S. fully reopened to many vaccinated international travelers Monday, allowing families and friends to reunite for the first time since the coronavirus emerged and offering a boost to the travel industry decimated by the pandemic. The restrictions closed the U.S. to millions of people for 20 months.

Octavio Alvarez and his 14-year-old daughter zipped through a pedestrian crossing in San Diego in less than 15 minutes on their way to visit his mother-in-law in California.

"It's a big feeling," said Alvarez, 43, who lives in Ensenada, Mexico, a two-hour drive from San Diego. Prior to the pandemic, his family would

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Hartford retreats on mask mandate

The city of Hartford dropped an order requiring masks be worn indoors as positivity rates remain low. "We shouldn't let our public health measures become a one-way ratchet, where you always ratchet them up but you don't bring them back down," Mayor Luke Bronin said Monday. **Connecticut, Page B1**

Lamont filing paperwork for reelection

Gov. stops short of formally announcing run for a second term

By Daniela Altimari
Hartford Courant

Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont is filing papers for a possible reelection campaign, though he insisted on Monday that he has not made up his mind about pursuing a second term.

Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz also is filing reelection papers; Lamont said the two will run as a team should they opt to run again in 2022.

While Lamont stopped short of a formal campaign kickoff, his comments, made at a stop in Ansonia to highlight infrastructure spending, provided the first official confirmation that he is pursuing a reelection bid.

"I filed the paperwork today, which facilitates our getting into

a political campaign," Lamont said in Ansonia, where he and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz had a press conference on transportation infrastructure. "I've got to make up my mind formally in the months to come, but I figure let's be prepared. Let's file the paperwork. Let's get this thing going."

Lamont's campaign papers were entered into the State Elections Enforcement Commission website at 4:42 p.m. Bysiewicz said her papers would be filed

Tuesday.

The governor has received high marks for his leadership during the pandemic, although recently his popularity has slipped. A Sacred Heart University digital poll, conducted in October and released Monday, put the governor's job approval at 50.5%, down about 5 percentage points from the school's April survey.

The poll by Sacred Heart

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University’s Institute for Public Policy and GreatBlue Research found that roughly two-thirds of respondents approve of the way Lamont is handling COVID-related public communications.

Overall, about 66% approve of the way he has managed the coronavirus crisis, down from 70% in the March survey. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.02%.

While Lamont has not formally announced his reelection plans, most observers expect him to run. The governor has been crisscrossing the state in recent months, touting his administration’s achievements.

Lamont, a wealthy businessman from Greenwich, first ran for statewide office in 2006, when he took on sitting Democratic U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman over the Iraq War. Lamont ran for governor in 2010, but lost his party’s nomination to Dannel P. Malloy.

Bob Stefanowski, the



Ned Lamont, middle, appears on stage at the Connecticut Democratic Convention in 2018 with Susan Bysiewicz, left, and his wife Annie Lamont after delivering his acceptance speech to be the endorsed candidate for governor. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

GOP’s 2018 nominee, is expected by many Republicans to follow suit in coming weeks, though Stefanowski has declined to comment on

his intentions or timetable. Former House Minority Leader Themis Klarides, R-Derby, registered as a candidate in May but did not

create a candidate committee. Her status allows her to spend her own funds but not raise money. No other Democrats have

publicly expressed interest in running.

Reporting from the Connecticut Mirror is included

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Travel

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visit California twice a month. The emotional cost of the border restrictions were “very high,” he added.

American citizens and permanent residents were always allowed to enter the U.S., but the travel bans grounded tourists, thwarted business travelers and often kept families far apart. Travelers must have proof of vaccination and a negative COVID-19 test.

“I think a lot of people have been waiting for this day,” said Eileen Bigelow, area port director for Vermont for Customs and Border Protection. “They look at it as a light at the end of the tunnel for some return of normalcy.”

There were lots of prolonged hugs at airports

from coast to coast. At Newark International Airport in New Jersey, Nirmat Shelat repeatedly embraced his girlfriend, Jolly Dave, after she arrived from India, ending their nine-month separation. She was on the first flight out of the country to the United States.

“I can’t even explain in my words how happy I am,” Dave said.

Gaye Camara, who lives in France, last saw her husband in New York in January 2020, not knowing it would be 21 months before they could hold each other again.

“I’m going to jump into his arms, kiss him, touch him,” said Camara, 40, as she wheeled her luggage through Paris’ Charles de Gaulle airport, where the humming crowds resembled those before the

pandemic, except for the face masks.

On the U.S. borders with Mexico and Canada, where traveling back and forth was a way of life before the pandemic, the reopening brought relief. Malls, restaurants and shops in U.S. border towns were devastated by the lack of visitors from Mexico.

San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, flanked by U.S. and Mexican officials at a celebratory news conference at the San Ysidro crossing, said the economic losses were hefty and the cutting of family ties “immeasurable.”

Retail sales in San Ysidro fell about 75% from pre-COVID-19 levels, forcing nearly 300 businesses to close.

Edith Aguirre of Tijuana took off work to go shopping in San Diego. Bubbling with laughter, she accepted a gift

bag from a duty-free store at the San Diego border crossing. She last came to the U.S. to celebrate her 50th birthday at Disneyland in February 2020.

“It was very draining,” she said of the interruption to her cross-border life.

Along Canada’s boundary, cross-border hockey rivalries were upended by the travel restrictions. Churches that had members on both sides of the border were suddenly cut off from each other.

But on Monday, border traffic quickly returned.

At Vermont’s busiest international crossing with Canada, U.S. border agents said they began to notice the uptick in border crossing shortly after midnight. By midmorning, traffic appeared steady.

Travelers at the Peace Bridge in Buffalo, New York,

one of the northern border’s busiest crossings, found a 2 ½-hour wait at 2 a.m., officials said, though within a few hours traffic was flowing more freely. The bridge typically handles about 2 million passenger vehicles from Fort Erie, Ontario, yearly, many of them bound for the region’s shopping malls, ski slopes and sporting events. Volume dropped by more than 90% during the pandemic.

Airlines are preparing for a surge in activity — especially from Europe — after the pandemic and resulting restrictions caused international travel to plunge.

The 28 European countries that were barred made up 37% of overseas visitors in 2019, according to the U.S. Travel Association. As the reopening takes effect, carriers are increasing flights between the United

Kingdom and the U.S. by 21% this month over last month, according to data from travel and analytics firm Cirium.

In a sign of the huge importance of trans-Atlantic travel for airlines, British Airways and Virgin Atlantic celebrated the reopening by synchronizing the departures of their early morning flights to New York on parallel runways at London’s Heathrow Airport.

The U.S. will accept travelers who have been fully vaccinated with any of the shots approved for emergency use by the World Health Organization, not just those in use in the U.S.

But millions of people around the world who were vaccinated with Russia’s Sputnik V, China’s CanSino or other shots not approved by the WHO will not be able to travel to the U.S.

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7 2 2 WB: 8	5 1 5 7 WB: 9

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SUNDAY’S LATE NUMBERS

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8 6 0 WB: 4

PLAY4 NIGHT
8 8 6 6 WB: 3

CASH 5
3 8 9 20 27


LUCKY FOR LIFE
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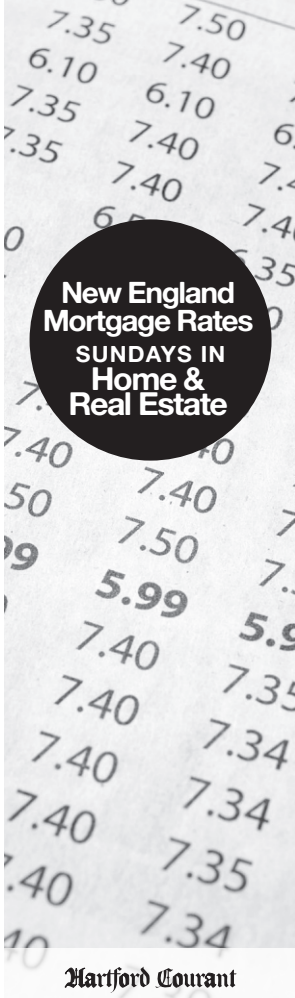
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Projects

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New London and Groton was delayed because the state ran out of money, officials said. Now, the federal money will cover the costs.

The state fortified the bridge on I-95 in the southbound direction, but the northbound project was put on hold. As a result, large trucks that are too heavy to cross the aging bridge are forced to make a 30-mile detour around other roads.

The first phase of the \$250 million project that involves milling and repaving is underway with replacement of the bridge deck to follow.

“Now, the pressure is off because the money is going to be there so that they can finish that job,” Courtney said. “There was just not enough money. This boosts the formula grant so that they can find the \$250 million to finish Gold Star.”

Amtrak Old Saybrook Bridge: At 114 years old, the bridge has had various mechanical problems for years.

In 2001, the drawbridge got stuck in the “down” position two times during an eight-month period — meaning that some large boats could not leave because the bridge would not go up. Amtrak trains were still able to cross the bridge over the Connecticut River, which is also sometimes known as the Old Lyme Drawbridge.

Through the decades, the bridge has undergone extensive repairs in 1976, 1981 and 1997. Plans call for constructing a new bridge that would be 52 feet south of the current bridge.

East Haddam Swing Bridge: Built in 1913, the 108-year-old bridge that crosses the Connecticut River and connects Haddam and East Haddam is in serious need of repair.

“That one breaks down all the time. That’s been a perennial problem there,” Courtney said Monday. “That’s the one that goes right into Goodspeed.”

Like the aging bridge in Old Saybrook, the structure has been repaired multiple times through the decades, including as recently as 2016. The improved bridge will carry both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

During construction, cars would be permitted to cross the bridge one way at a time, alternating as cars wait in the other direction on the other side of the river.

Hartford bottleneck at I-84 and I-91: U.S. Rep. John



Traffic engineers hope to widen I-84 between exits 3 and 8 in Danbury. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT



Some of the new federal infrastructure money will help speed up the commuting time between New Haven and Manhattan. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

B. Larson, said the new federal funding will pay for a \$20 million “Greater Hartford Mobility Study” to assess congestion solutions, including a proposed \$10 billion tunnel to connect Hartford and East Hartford.

Federal officials say the Hartford project should be constructed under the “design-build” model that would allow it to be constructed faster, he said. Under this strategy, the state could then apply for competitive federal grants, which could eventually fund

the tunnel project from a larger pool of billions of dollars.

Larson backs an east-west tunnel that would run through Hartford and then pop out near the Roberts Street exit in East Hartford, near the Rentschler Field football stadium. Motorists heading east could travel directly to Rentschler Field or then continue on their way along I-84 east as they do now. In the reverse direction, motorists would enter the tunnel near Roberts Street, drive beneath the

Connecticut River, and eventually come out near Flatbush Avenue in Hartford, which is exit 45 on I-84.

Larson’s plan would involve two tunnels, including another running north and south where I-91 runs along the Connecticut River.

Interstate 91 bottleneck at I-691 in Meriden: For years, commuters have been backed up as they headed south on I-91 on the way to the Wilbur Cross Parkway and Merritt Parkway. Mean-



The historic 1913 swing bridge over the Connecticut River which connects Haddam and East Haddam underwent a \$1.9 million renovation of the bridge deck in 1999. STEPHEN DUNN/HARTFORD COURANT

while, drivers trying to get onto I-691 in Meriden are often met with long backups.

The interchange is near the top of the list for state officials trying to make improvements along I-91.

I-84 in Danbury: One of the easiest projects to start quickly, union officials say, is the widening of I-84 between exits 3 and 8 in Danbury. Traffic pours on to I-84 from Route 7, a busy highway that compounds the traffic already building on 84. That results in one of the many “choke points” cited by Gov. Ned Lamont when he was pushing for electronic highway tolls that were later rejected by the legislature.

The State Bond Commission has already approved \$10 million for the design and engineering of the proposed Danbury widening, which would be completed before construction could begin.

Improving the Metro North commute: The Congressional delegation said that the proposed railroad improvements will cut a half-hour off the train ride from New Haven to Manhattan. This can be accomplished with straightened tracks and newer, high-speed rail cars, among other improvements, they said.

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Spending

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The city also spent thousands on a new bathroom at the emergency operations center, new computers, renovation work at city hall and what is referenced in payment vouchers as repair of storm damage.

The new disclosures, after allegations of COVID spending mismanagement launched a continuing federal investigation, are raising alarms among the state officials responsible for enforcing spending rules under the federal grant program that got Connecticut \$41 million to help cities and towns like West Haven meet unanticipated “emergency” expenses attributable to the coronavirus pandemic, sources said.

The scandal has subjected the city to what promises to be a grueling state audit — in addition to the federal investigation. State officials have said other municipalities can expect a close look at their spending as a result of what went on in West Haven.

Office of Policy and Management staff and most West Haven officials will not discuss what appears to have been a monumental collapse of spending controls in West Haven. But grant administrators have said they feared local officeholders, running cash-strapped governments while subject to political pressures, would be tempted to use the federal cash to plug holes in budgets and shore up political or personal relationships.

“Our fiduciary responsibilities dictate that we fully



State Rep. Michael DiMassa, left, leaves the United States Courthouse with attorney John R. Gulash on Oct. 20 after DiMassa was arrested by the FBI in a probe of misuse of COVID relief funds. DiMassa is accused of stealing more than \$600,000 in federal COVID relief money. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

pursue this audit and investigation to ensure integrity in the use of public funds,” said Melissa McCaw, secretary of the state Office of Policy and Management. “Once the audit and investigation is complete, we will take all appropriate steps to address any findings of waste, fraud, or abuse and address any internal control weaknesses. In addition, OPM will cooperate fully with the ongoing federal investigation.”

In West Haven DiMassa had the authority to approve COVID funds.

In June, West Haven hired the father of a woman DiMassa knew to work for personal relationships.

“Our fiduciary responsibilities dictate that we fully

“team organization.”

Ed Pocock III, a retired Southington police captain and one-time Republican legislative candidate, said DiMassa hired him through his daughter to help the city set up vaccination clinics. Pocock said he approached the work aggressively, perhaps too aggressively, and was dismissed after about a week. Pocock believes he may have rubbed someone at city hall the wrong way. The expense records show DiMassa approved a \$2,500 payment.

DiMassa hired State Rep. Kara Rochelle, an Ansonia Democrat first elected in 2018, for something described in city records as “COVID fire study,” Rochelle

said through a spokesman that she was hired to act as project manager in a city push to build a new firehouse. The job would require, among other things, community outreach to win popular support for the project, while navigating potential jealousies between the existing city fire precincts.

Rochelle declined to discuss her work for West Haven, but a lawyer acting as her spokesman said DiMassa approached her about the job and she was paid \$5,000 in June. But the spokesman said the consultancy ended when Rochelle told DiMassa she needed more money to continue — a request made at about the same time the FBI was preparing to arrest him.

The spokesman said Rochelle became acquainted with DiMassa at the state Capitol, when she was advocating for construction of a fire training academy in the Naugatuck Valley. He could not say how being a project manager on a building project could be considered a pandemic expense.

City council member Robert Bruneau, whose automotive businesses include Chip’s Wrecker Service, was paid about \$20,000 over several months for what was described in city records as providing vehicles and labor for tasks that his invoices described as “election setup, take down and/or clean up,” “transport and distribute food and necessities to families in need during pandemic,” and “set up, take down, cleanup as needed for COVID events through the city.”

Bruneau couldn’t be reached to discuss the work, but told the CT Mirror: “I was asked to perform a service, and that’s what we did. We were called in by the city to handle it. I did exactly what they asked me to do.”

West Shore Associates of West Haven, a business that specializes in promotional products got \$11,587.45 — \$8,404 for 2000 West Haven COVID “Thank You Coins” and \$3,183.45 for 2,500 West Haven Centennial Hand Sanitizer Business Cards.

Federal rules concerning expenditure of COVID relief money restrict it to necessary expenses that arise from the public health emergency. It cannot be substituted for revenue lost to the pandemic and it can only be spent in areas budgeted in advance of the

pandemic, according to state grant official.

An area where the rules appear subject to interpretation concerns compensatory time for public employees. West Haven used the federal money to pay more than \$40,000 in compensatory salary to four department heads and four other employees, including DiMassa and Bernardo.

Supervisory city employees in West Haven are unionized and Mayor Nancy Rossi, a Democrat, said in an interview a month ago that she authorized the payments to her department heads in accordance with contract rules. City attorney Lee Tiernan, recipient of \$6,722.40 in compensatory time, said the payments are eligible under the federal grant as long as the work was done on an eligible COVID expense.

A state official said the comp time payments will withstand audit only if hours and work done are backed by substantial record keeping.

In addition to Tiernan, health director Maureen Lillis, personnel director Beth Sabo and public works director Thomas McCarthy got compensatory checks of from about \$5,500 to about \$10,000.

Outside the supervisory ranks, the records show that mayoral aide Louis Esposito was paid about \$6,300 and community development official Mark Bisaccia got less than \$800.

DiMassa got about \$3,100 and Bernardo got about \$3,800.

Information from the CT Mirror is included.

Calls grow for independent review

Houston police lead probe in tragedy that left 8 dead at concert

By Juan A. Lozano and Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston police and fire departments were deeply involved in safety measures for the music festival where a surging crowd killed eight people, playing key roles in crowd control measures, on-site security staffing and the emergency response. The police chief even met with the headlining performer before the show.

Now the city's police department is leading the criminal investigation into how the deadly chaos erupted during Friday night's performance by rapper Travis Scott.

While a prominent local official is calling for a separate, independent review of the tragedy, experts in crowd safety say an investigation by neutral outsiders could help the city avoid potential conflicts of interest and promote transparency.

Houston police officials did not return calls seeking comment on questions about whether its close involvement in the event created a conflict or if it considered handing the probe off to an outside agency. Such decisions are often made in investigations like police shootings.

The police department's probe would be separate from any independent investigation ordered by County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Harris County's top elected official, according to Rafael Maitre, a spokesman for the judge's office.



High school students sign a remembrance board Sunday at a makeshift memorial in Houston. THOMAS SHEA/GETTY-AFP

Hidalgo hasn't decided who would conduct such an independent review or how it would be done, Maitre said Monday.

Key questions remained unanswered after the Astroworld festival at county-owned NRG Park. Some of the lingering questions involve what the Houston police and fire departments did before, during and after a crowd surged toward the stage, killing eight people and injuring dozens more. Others center on the actions of event organizers.

Officials with the Houston police and fire departments have said that part of their investigation will include reviewing whether

the concert promoter and others behind the festival adhered to the plans that were submitted for the event.

Astroworld's organizers laid out security and emergency medical response protocols for the festival in plans filed with Harris County. The 56-page operations plan says that a decision to evacuate the event would be made by the festival director after consultation with other individuals, including the security director.

Officials have said a private company was primarily responsible for providing security at the festival, but Houston police

were also assigned to the event. The plan says medical care at the festival was provided by ParaDocs, a private company based in New York.

Houston Fire Chief Samuel Peña had said during a news conference Saturday that the injuries and size of the crowd "quickly overwhelmed" the private companies providing security and medical services. Peña said even though the medical operations plan did not require that the fire department have units pre-positioned around the festival, his agency decided to have those units in place "in case this incident escalated."

Houston police Chief Troy Finner said in a statement Monday that he had a "brief and respectful" meeting with Scott and the rapper's head of security Friday before his performance. The chief said he asked them to work with the police department.

G. Keith Still, a visiting professor of crowd science at the United Kingdom's University of Suffolk, said his independent investigations of similar tragedies typically begin with an evaluation of an event's safety permitting process. He evaluates how a permit was issued and whether the event organizer adhered to permit conditions.

"Police can sometimes get too caught up in trying to take eyewitness accounts," he said. "With 50,000 potential eyewitnesses, by the time they get done through with all of that, they're left with a huge, confused mass."

Houston police and fire officials said their investigation will include reviewing video taken by concert promoter Live Nation, as well as dozens of clips from people at the show. Officials also planned to review the event's security plan and determine whether its organizers properly followed permit requirements.

Steven Adelman, vice president of the industry group Event Safety Alliance, said in an email that he sees no issue with public safety authorities authorizing an independent investigation of the Houston tragedy.

"I would hope and assume the investigation will be conducted by an outside person who is not subject to influence by the agencies that were involved with Astroworld. This is not an uncommon scenario in complex situations like this one," wrote Adelman, whose organization was formed after the collapse of a stage killed seven people at the Indiana State Fair in 2011.

The dead were between the ages of 14 and 27 and were from Texas, Illinois and Washington state, according to authorities. They were identified as Madison Dubiski, 23, John Hilgert, 14, and Brianna Rodriguez, 16, all from Houston; Mirza "Danish" Baig, 27, of Dallas; Rodolfo "Rudy" Pena, 23, of Laredo, Texas; Jacob "Jake" Jurinek, 20, and Franco Patino, 21, both of Naperville, Ill.; and Axel Acosta Avila, 21, of Tieton, Wash.

Obama rips US rivals for 'lack of' climate urgency

He criticizes Putin, Xi for not attending summit in Glasgow

By Ellen Knickmeyer, Aniruddha Ghosal and Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — Former President Barack Obama expressed confidence at U.N. climate talks Monday that the Biden administration will ultimately get its \$555 billion climate package through Congress, and faulted U.S. rivals China and Russia for what he called a "dangerous lack of urgency" in cutting their own climate-wrecking emissions.

As nations complained of lagging trust and progress in the climate talks, Obama, one of the leaders who paved the way for the historic 2015 Paris climate deal, threw in a touch of his trademark hope but admitted that "images of dystopia" were creeping into his dreams.

"There are times where the future seems somewhat bleak. There are times where I am doubtful that humanity can get its act together before it's too late," Obama said at the two-week-long negotiations. "(But) we can't afford

hopelessness."

His comments came as conference leaders acknowledged Monday that many key sticking points exist after a week of talks. A trust gap between rich and poor nations has once again emerged, and developing countries used the word "disappointing" when leaders talked Monday about the progress to date in the talks.

The U.N. climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland, is the former American president's first since he helped deliver the triumph of the 2015 Paris climate accord, when nations committed to cutting fossil fuel and agricultural emissions fast enough to keep the Earth's warming below catastrophic levels of 1.5 degrees Celsius or 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

That celebration has been replaced by worry.

Then-President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of the Paris accord. And while President Joe Biden put America back in the climate deal the Trump move set back U.S. efforts.

Other top polluters — including China, India and Russia — are moving far more slowly on fighting climate change than scientists say is needed.

"1.5 C is on life support now, it's in ICU," said Alden

Meyer of E3G, an environmental think tank.

Obama's appearance sought to remind governments of the elation that surrounded the Paris accord and urge them to announce more immediate, concrete steps to put the 2015 deal into action. Optimism and unity is required to save the planet, he said.

"It doesn't matter if you're a Republican or a Democrat if your Florida house is flooded by rising seas, or your crops fail in the Dakotas, or your California house is burning. Nature, physics, science — they don't care about party affiliation," Obama said. "We need everybody — even if we disagree on other things."

Ugandan climate activist Vanessa Nakate wrote Monday on Twitter that she was 13 when Obama was part of rich nations who promised \$100 billion a year to poor countries to help them fight global warming, but said those nations broke the promise.

Nakate said she wasn't attacking the former president "but that is me speaking the truth."

"This money was promised, but it hasn't been delivered," she said, adding that the \$100 billion a year was the "bare minimum" for



Former President Barack Obama's comments came as U.N. climate conference leaders said Monday that many key sticking points exist after a week of talks in Scotland. JANE BARLOW/PA

climate finance.

Despite opposition within Biden's own Democratic party that has blocked the president's climate-fighting legislation, Obama was confident that some version of Biden's ambitious climate bill will pass and be "historic."

"It will set the United States on course to meet its new climate targets," he said.

While the rapport between U.S. and Chinese negotiators paved the way to the Paris accord, Obama on Monday criticized Chinese

President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin for not joining other leaders at the climate talks in Glasgow.

"It was particularly discouraging to see the leaders of two of the world's largest emitters, China and Russia, decline to even attend the proceedings, and their national plans reflect what appears to be a dangerous lack of urgency," Obama said.

Obama spoke earlier Monday to a session on Pacific Island nations,

including ones whose existence is threatened by rising oceans.

No deals have been made yet on three main goals of the U.N. conference.

Those are pledges to cut emissions in half by 2030 to keep the Paris climate deal's 1.5 degree Celsius temperature limit goal alive; the need for \$100 billion annually in financial help from rich countries to poor ones; and the idea that half of that money goes to adapting to global warming's worst effects.

US charges pair of suspected REvil hackers with ransomware attacks

By Eric Tucker and Alan Suderman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two suspected hackers have been charged in the U.S. in connection with a wave of ransomware attacks, including one that led to the temporary shutdown of the world's largest meat processor and another that snarled businesses around the globe on the Fourth of July weekend, officials said Monday.

Attorney General Merrick

Garland and other top officials announced charges against Ukrainian Yaroslav Vasinskyi and Russian Yevgeniy Polyaniin, alleging them to be part of the REvil ransomware gang. Officials said Vasinskyi was recently arrested in Poland and that the U.S. government had recovered \$6.1 million in ill-gotten funds from Polyaniin.

"The Justice Department is sparing no resource

to identify and bring to justice anyone, anywhere who targets the United States with a ransomware attack," Garland said.

The Treasury Department also announced sanctions against the pair as well in what it said was a virtual currency exchange, Chatex, which the department said was used by ransomware gangs.

REvil, also known as

Sodinokibi, has been linked to ransomware targeting the world's largest meat processor, JBS SA, as well as a Fourth of July weekend attack that snarled businesses around the world through a breach of a Florida-based software company called Kaseya.

European authorities also announced they had arrested two other ransomware suspects with links to REvil in Romania. They are among seven hackers suspected to have links to

ransomware attacks that have targeted thousands of victims and have been arrested since last February as part of a global cyber-crime crackdown.

Europol said two suspected hackers believed to be linked to the ransomware gang known as REvil were arrested last week for involvement in attacks that yielded about \$580,000 in payments. Authorities in Kuwait arrested another accused hacker last week, and South Korean authori-

ties have arrested three since last February. A seventh was arrested last month in Europe. The arrests were part of an investigation called GoldDust that involved the U.S. and 16 other countries.

The DOJ in June seized \$2.3 million in cryptocurrency from a payment made by Colonial Pipeline following a ransomware attack that caused the company to temporarily halt operations, creating fuel shortages in parts of the country.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Top of the world on thin (sea) ice

Arctic warming 3 times faster than rest of the planet

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

While conducting research in Greenland, ice scientist Twila Moon was struck this summer by what climate change has doomed Earth to lose and what could still be saved.

The Arctic is warming three times faster than the rest of the planet and is on such a knife's edge of survival that the U.N. climate negotiations underway in Scotland could make the difference between ice and water at the top of the world in the same way that a couple of tenths of a degree matter around the freezing mark, scientists say.

Arctic ice sheets and glaciers are shrinking, with some glaciers already gone. Permafrost, the icy soil that traps the potent greenhouse gas methane, is thawing. Wildfires have broken out in the Arctic. Siberia even hit 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius). Even a region called the Last Ice Area showed unexpected melting this year.

In the next couple of decades, the Arctic is likely to see summers with no sea ice.

As she returns regularly to Greenland, Moon, a researcher with the U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center, said she finds herself "mourning and grieving for the things we have lost already" because of past carbon dioxide emissions that trap heat.

But the decisions we make now about how much more carbon pollution Earth emits will mean "an incredibly large difference between how much ice we keep and how much we lose and how quickly," she said.

The fate of the Arctic looms large during the climate talks in Glasgow —



The midnight sun shines across sea ice along the Northwest Passage in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. DAVID GOLDMAN/AP 2017

the farthest north the negotiations have taken place — because what happens in the Arctic doesn't stay in the Arctic. Scientists believe the warming there is already contributing to weather calamities elsewhere around the world.

"If we end up in a seasonally sea ice-free Arctic in the summertime, that's something human civilization has never known," said former NASA chief scientist Waleed Abdalati, who runs the University of Colorado's environment program. "That's like taking a sledgehammer to the climate system."

What's happening in the Arctic is a runaway effect. "Once you start melting, that kind of enhances more melt," said University of Manitoba ice scientist Julianne Stroeve.

When covered with snow

and ice, the Arctic reflects sunlight and heat. But that blanket is dwindling. And as more sea ice melts in the summer, "you're revealing really dark ocean surfaces, just like a black T-shirt," Moon said. Like dark clothing, the open patches of sea soak up heat from the sun more readily.

Between 1971 and 2019, the surface of the Arctic warmed three times faster than the rest of the world, according to the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program.

The result?

"The Arctic isn't just changing in temperature," Abdalati said. "It's changing in state. It's becoming a different place."

The 2015 Paris climate agreement set a goal of limiting the warming of the Earth to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above

pre-industrial temperatures, or, failing that, keeping it under 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit). The world has already gotten 1.1 degrees Celsius (2 degrees Fahrenheit) warmer since the late 1800s.

The difference between what happens at 1.5 degrees and 2 degrees can hit the Arctic harder than the rest of the world, University of Alaska Fairbanks climate scientist John Walsh, a member of the Arctic monitoring team.

"We can save the Arctic, or at least preserve it in many ways, but we're going to lose that if we go above 1.5," Walsh said.

The Arctic has blown past 2 degrees Celsius of warming, Stroeve said. It's approaching 9 degrees Celsius (16 degrees Fahrenheit) of warming in November, she said.

For John Waghiyi Jr., the Arctic is not a number or an abstraction. It's been home for 67 years, and he and other native Bering Sea elders have watched the Arctic change because of warming. The sea ice, which allows humans and polar bears to hunt, is shrinking in the summer.

"The ice is very dangerous nowadays. It's very unpredictable," said Waghiyi of Savoonga, Alaska.

The ice is "at the core of our identity," said Dalee Sambo Dorough, international chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, representing 165,000 people in several nations.

This isn't just a problem for people living in the Arctic. It spells trouble for regions much farther south.

An increasingly large number of studies link Arctic changes to alterations

of the jet stream — the river of air that moves weather from west to east — and other weather systems. And those changes, scientists say, can contribute to more extreme weather events, such as floods, drought, the February Texas freeze, or more severe wildfires.

Also, the melting of ice sheets and glaciers can add considerably to rising sea levels.

"The fate of places like Miami are tied very closely to the fate of the Greenland," said David Balton, director of the U.S. Arctic Executive Steering Committee, which coordinates U.S. domestic regulations involving the Arctic and deals with other northern nations. "If you live in Topeka, Kansas, or if you live in California. If you live in Nigeria, your life is going to be affected. ... The Arctic matters on all sorts of levels."

For polar bears, life seems to be melting away

By Seth Borenstein, Camille Fassett and Kati Perry
Associated Press

Majestic, increasingly hungry and at risk of disappearing, the polar bear is dependent on something melting away on our warming planet: sea ice.

In the harsh and unforgiving Arctic, where frigid cold is not just a way of life but a necessity, the polar bear stands out.

But where it lives, where it hunts, where it eats — it's disappearing underfoot in the crucial summertime.

"They have just always been a revered species by people, going back hundreds and hundreds of years," said longtime government polar bear researcher Steve Amstrup, now chief scientist for Polar Bear International. "There's just something special about polar bears."

Scientists and advocates point to polar bears, marked as "threatened" on the endangered species list, as the white-hot warning signal for the rest of the planet — "the canary in the cryosphere."

As world leaders meet in Glasgow, Scotland, to try to ramp up efforts to curb climate change, the specter of polar bears looms over them.

Inger Andersen, head of the United Nations Environment Program, used to lead the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, which monitors and classifies species in trouble.

She asks: "Do we really want to be the generation that saw the end of the ability of something as majestic as the polar bear to survive?"



The Arctic has been warming faster than the rest of the world. In some seasons, it has warmed three times faster than the rest of the globe, a scientist says. Above, polar bears in Canada. KATHARINA M. MILLER/POLAR BEARS INTERNATIONAL 2015

summer, the thinner the ice is overall, because the ice is weaker first-year ice.

Julienne Stroeve, a University of Manitoba researcher, says summers without sea ice are inevitable.

Many other experts agree with her.

Former NASA chief scientist Waleed Abdalati, now a top University of Colorado environmental researcher, is one of them.

"That's something human civilization has never known," Abdalati said. "That's like taking a sledgehammer to the climate system and doing something huge about it."

The warming already in the oceans and in the air is committed — like a freight train in motion.

So, no matter what, the Earth will soon see a summer with less than 1 million square kilometers of sea ice scattered in tiny bits across the Arctic.

The big question is when the Arctic will "look like a blue ocean," said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

Maybe as early as the 2030s, most likely in the 2040s and almost assuredly by the 2050s, experts say.

The Arctic has been warming faster than the rest of the world.

In some seasons, it has warmed three times faster than the rest of the globe, said University of Alaska at Fairbanks scientist John Walsh.

That's because of something called "Arctic amplification."

Essentially, white ice in the Arctic reflects heat. When it melts, the dark sea absorbs much more heat, which warms the oceans even more quickly, scientists say.

Polar bear connection: There are 19 different

subpopulations of polar bears in the Arctic. Each is a bit different. Some are really in trouble, especially the southernmost ones, while others are pretty close to stable.

But their survival from place to place is linked heavily to sea ice.

"As you go to the Arctic and see what's happening with your own eyes ... it's depressing," said University of Washington marine biologist Kristin Laidre, who has studied polar bears in Baffin Bay.

Shrinking sea ice means shrinking polar bears, literally.

In the summertime, polar bears go out on the ice to hunt and eat, feasting and putting on weight to sustain them through the winter. They prefer areas that are more than half covered with ice because it's the most productive hunting and feeding grounds, Amstrup said.

The more ice, the more they can move around and the more they can eat.

Just 30 or 40 years ago, the bears feasted on a buffet of seals and walrus on the ice.

In the 1980s, "the males were huge, females were reproducing regularly and cubs were surviving well," Amstrup said. "The population looked good."

With ice loss, the bears haven't been doing as well, Amstrup said. One sign: A higher proportion of cubs are dying before their first birthdays.

Polar bears are land mammals that have adapted to the sea. The animals they eat — seals and walruses mostly — are aquatic.

The bears fare best when they can hunt in shallow water, which is typically close to land.

"When sea ice is present over those near-shore waters, polar bears can make hay," Amstrup said.

But in recent years the sea ice has retreated far offshore in most summers. That has forced the bears to drift on the ice into deep waters — sometimes nearly a mile deep — that are devoid of their prey, Amstrup said.

Off Alaska, the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea polar bears provide a telling contrast.

Go 30 to 40 miles offshore from Prudhoe Bay in the Beaufort Sea "and you're in very unproductive waters," Amstrup said.

Further south in the Chukchi, it's shallower, which allows bottom-feeding walruses to thrive. That provides food for polar bears, he said.

"The bears in the Chukchi seem to be faring pretty well because of that additional productivity," Amstrup said.

But the bears of the Beaufort "give us a real good early warning of where this is all coming to."

The future: Even as world leaders meet in Scotland to try to ratchet up the effort to curb climate change, the scientists who monitor sea ice and watch the polar bears know so much warming is already set in motion.

There's a chance, if negotiators succeed and everything turns out just right, that the world will once again see an Arctic with significant sea ice in the summer late this century and in the 22nd century, experts said.

But until then "that door has been closed," said Twila Moon, a National Snow and Ice Data Center scientist.

So hope is melting too.

"It's near impossible for us to see a place where we don't reach an essentially sea ice-free Arctic, even if we're able to do the work to create much lower emissions" of heat-trapping gases, Moon said. "Sea ice is one of those things that we'll see reach some pretty devastating lows along that path. And we can already see those influences for polar bears."

WORLD & NATION



Migrants gather Monday at the border near Grodno, Belarus. Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko has encouraged migrants to illegally enter the EU. LEONID SHCHEGLOV/BELTA

Poland halts wave of migrants trying to cross from Belarus

By Monika Scislowksa and Vanessa Gera Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Hundreds if not thousands of migrants sought to storm the border from Belarus into Poland on Monday, cutting razor wire fences and using branches to try and climb over them. The siege escalated a crisis along the European Union's eastern border that has been simmering for months. Poland's Interior Ministry said the situation was under control. The Defense Ministry posted a video showing an armed Polish officer using a chemical spray through a fence at men who were trying to cut the razor wire. Some migrants threw objects at police. Video footage from Belarusian media showed people using long wooden poles or branches to try to get past a border fence as police helicopters circled overhead. Defense Ministry video taken later Monday showed the migrants settling in for the night by the border, having put up tents and cooking meals.

“A coordinated attempt to massively enter the territory of the Republic of Poland by migrants used by Belarus for the hybrid attacks against Poland has just begun,” a spokesman for Poland's security forces, Stanislaw Zaryn, said in a statement. Noting that it's also NATO's eastern border, Zaryn stressed that the “large groups of migrants ... are fully controlled by the Belarusian security services and army.” He accused Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko of acting to destabilize Poland and other EU countries to pressure the bloc into dropping its sanctions on Minsk. Those sanctions were put into place after Belarus cracked down on democracy protests. Piotr Mueller, Poland's government spokesperson, said 3,000 to 4,000 migrants were next to the Polish border on the Belarusian side. Polish officials said the border crossing in Kuznica, in the northeast, will be closed early Tuesday. There was no way to

independently verify what was happening. Journalists have limited ability to operate in Belarus and a state of emergency in Poland is keeping reporters out of the area. The massing of people at the border appeared to rev up the crisis that has been going on for months in which the regime of Belarus has encouraged migrants from the Middle East and elsewhere to illegally enter the EU, at first through Lithuania and Latvia and now Poland. Anton Bychkovsky, spokesman for Belarus' State Border Guard Committee, said the migrants are seeking to “exercise their right to apply for refugee status in the EU.” Bychkovsky insisted they “are not a security threat.” But the massive group was viewed as a threat by Poland and other European countries, including Germany — the main destination for many. Steffen Seibert, German Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman, told reporters Monday that “the Belarusian regime is acting as a human trafficker.”

Biden faces fresh challenges after infrastructure victory

By Alexandra Jaffe Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden doesn't need to look any further back than his time as vice president to grasp the challenges that lie ahead in promoting his new \$1 trillion infrastructure deal to the American people and getting the money out the door fast enough that they can feel a real impact. When President Barack Obama pushed through a giant stimulus bill in 2009, his administration faced criticism that the money was too slow to work its way into the sluggish economy, and Obama later acknowledged that he had failed to sell Americans on the benefits of the legislation. Obama's biggest mistake, he said in 2012, was thinking that the job of the presidency was “just about getting the policy right” rather than telling “a story to the American people that gives them a sense of unity and purpose.” Biden has begun his own effort after his infrastructure bill cleared the Congress, notching a hard-fought win on a \$1.2 trillion piece of legislation he called a “once-in-a-generation investment” that will tangibly improve Americans' lives in the months and years to come. It addresses such challenges as crumbling roads and bridges, gaps in access to affordable internet, water tainted by lead pipes, and homes and cities ill-prepared to cope with increasingly frequent extreme weather conditions. In an effort to correct past messaging mistakes, the White House is planning an aggressive sales campaign for the infrastructure bill, with Biden planning trips across the U.S. to speak about the impacts of the legislation. He'll visit a port in Baltimore on Wednesday and



President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden return Monday to the White House after spending a weekend in Rehoboth, Delaware. MANDEL NGAN/GETTY-AFP

promises a splashy signing ceremony for the infrastructure bill when legislators are back in Washington. The administration is also deploying the heads of the Transportation, Energy, Interior and Commerce departments, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency administrator and top White House aides to speak about the bill on national and local media and African American and Spanish-language press. And they're putting out explainers across the departments' digital platforms to help Americans better understand what's in the bill. But even as White House officials speak about what's in the bill, they'll also have to ensure the money gets spent. It's a challenge with which Biden is intimately familiar, having overseen the implementation of the 2009 stimulus as vice president. Then, despite promises to prioritize “shovel-ready projects,” challenges with permit-

ting and other issues led to delays, prompting Obama to joke in 2011 that “shovel-ready was not as shovel-ready as we expected.” Biden, for his part, said Americans could start to see the effects of the infrastructure bill in as little as two to three months. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said Monday that once Biden signs the measure into law, his department will start doling out the first of about \$660 billion in federal money, with some projects just waiting for funding, but others, like investments in new electric vehicle chargers, promoting safer streets for bicyclists and pedestrians, and efforts to reconnect communities divided by highways, taking longer. In contrast to the 2009 stimulus, Buttigieg said, Biden's infrastructure bill is “short term, but it's long term.” “This is about many, many years ahead, starting now,” he said. “This is how we do right by the next generation.”

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New vacancy gives Biden another Fed position to fill

With 3 board slots open after Quarles leaves, focus shifts to Powell’s chair status

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Randal Quarles announced Monday that he will resign from the Federal Reserve’s Board of Governors at the end of the year after completing a four-year term as its top bank regulator, opening up another vacancy on the Fed’s influential board for President Joe Biden to fill.

Quarles has served as the Fed’s first vice chair of supervision, which gave him wide-ranging authority over the banking system. In that role, he oversaw a broad loosening of some of the financial regulations that were put in place after the 2008-09 global financial crisis and recession.

Quarles’ deregulatory approach prompted criticism from some on the Fed board and from many progressives. It has also sparked resistance from progressives to the potential re-nomination of Jerome Powell as Fed chair.

With Powell’s term as chair ending in February, an announcement is expected sometime this month on whether Biden

will offer him a second four-year term. The president is considered likely to re-nominate Powell, although he could decide instead to elevate Lael Brainard, who is now the lone Democrat on the Fed’s seven-member board, to the position of chair.

Besides Quarles’ soon-to-be vacated position on the board, a second slot is vacant and a third will open up in January, when Vice Chair Richard Clarida’s term will expire. Counting the seat held by the Fed chair, that gives Biden a total of four potential slots to fill.

Biden may decide to re-nominate Powell while also promoting Brainard to replace Quarles as vice chair for supervision. That move could potentially mollify at least some of Powell’s critics. Brainard cast some dissenting votes against Quarles’ deregulatory efforts.

Last month, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen defended Powell against any notion that he has weakened bank rules. Yellen asserted that financial regulations were “markedly strengthened” under Ben Bernanke’s Fed leadership, during her own

subsequent term as chair and under Powell as well.

Members of the Board of Governors have permanent votes at each Fed meeting on interest-rate policy, a powerful tool that affects hiring and the economy. The 12 regional Fed bank presidents also attend policymaking meetings, though only five of them are able to vote on the Fed’s decisions. The New York Fed president holds a permanent vote, and the regional bank presidents hold four votes that rotate among them each year.

The Fed governors also vote on financial regulations, and they could take steps to regulate some cryptocurrencies.

Potential nominees for seats on the Fed’s board include Lisa Cook, an economist at Michigan State University who would be the first black woman to serve as a Fed governor, and Sarah Bloom Raskin, who previously served as a Fed governor and as a financial regulator in Maryland. Another potential nominee is William Spriggs, chief economist at the AFL-CIO and an economics professor at Howard University.

Former coal execs go on trial in Ky. fraud case

By Dylan Lovan
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Four former coal mine officials are being tried on criminal fraud charges in Kentucky for allegedly skirting federal rules meant to reduce deadly dust in underground mines.

The men worked as managers or supervisors for now-bankrupt Armstrong Coal. Federal prosecutors said they ordered workers at two Kentucky mines to rig dust-monitoring equipment to pass air quality tests.

Attorneys for the former coal company officials said they are innocent of the charges. Jury selection began Monday in U.S. District Court in Louisville.

“It’s a tragedy a man who has spent his life in the mines is forced to defend himself now from this government overreach,” attorney Marc Murphy said of his client, Charley Barber, a former superintendent at Armstrong’s Parkway mine.

The defendants in the case also include Glendal “Buddy” Hardison, a former high-ranking Armstrong official who ran all of the company’s western Kentucky mines.

Kent Wicker, an attorney for Hardison, said he “is not guilty of this charge or any other.”

In all, nine Armstrong managers and supervisors were indicted, but five settled their cases before the trial. Hardison, Barber, the Parkway mine’s former safety director Brian Keith Casebier and Dwight Fulkerson, a section foreman, are charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States.

The workplace issues came to light when some Armstrong miners contacted a lawyer nearly a decade ago. One of the men set to testify, Mike Wilson, said he couldn’t see his hand in front of his face down in the mine. The indictment said the safety violations occurred at two Armstrong mines in western Kentucky between 2013 and 2015.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Russians back at work after pause

MOSCOW — Russians went back to work Monday after a mandated, nine-day break with authorities expressing uncertainly whether the measure helped tame a record-breaking surge of coronavirus infections and deaths.

Officials in the Kremlin said that it was too early to tell whether the measure had the desired effect.

Russia’s coronavirus task force reported 39,400 new infections and 1,190 deaths Monday — slightly lower than the record 41,335 new cases registered Saturday. Russia is one of the top five hardest-hit nations in the world.

Last month, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered many Russians to stay home from work from Oct. 30 to Nov. 7.

Powell: Women hurt in recession

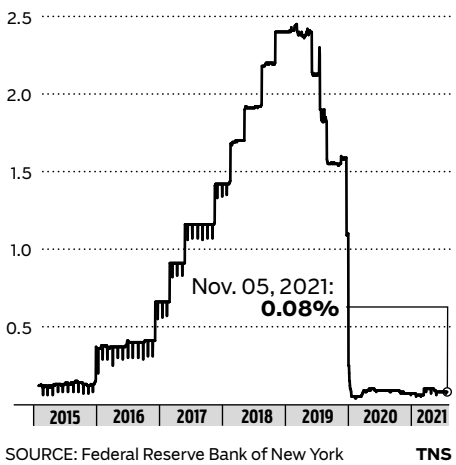
WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell expressed concern Monday that the pandemic recession has had an unusually harmful economic effect on women, who have been forced to shoulder additional responsibilities for child care, forcing many of them to leave work.

“As schools closed and child care services shuttered during the worst of the pandemic, that added responsibility and stress made working more difficult for some and took many away from their jobs,” Powell said in remarks to a Fed conference on gender and the economy.

During August and September, working mothers lost jobs even though the nation’s overall unemployment rate fell and an average of 400,000 jobs were added each month.

Effective federal funds rate

Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



A five-bedroom home in the Kohanaiki community in Hawaii. Luxury sales in the state saw triple-digit growth in the pandemic. KOHANAIKI

Price of life in paradise rises

Influx of buyers to Hawaii seeking ultimate remote work life has driven market up

By Michael Croley
The New York Times

Hawaii has long been a dream destination for wealthy homebuyers from the U.S. mainland. But that has probably never been truer more than now.

“From the second half of 2020, into 2021, luxury sales volume in the state of Hawaii grew at a frenetic pace,” said Matthew Beall, CEO of Hawaii Life, a real estate firm.

“The state saw triple-digit growth in transactions,” he said, noting that his firm alone had experienced 307% growth in total dollar value.

Neal Norman, a director at Hawaii Life, said the influx of buyers from Silicon Valley had been helping to drive the market in Hawaii, which has surged, in part, because of the pandemic. People have realized that they can more readily work remotely — and if they have to go back to the office, they are only a “5 ½-hour plane ride from paradise.”

Oceanfront property in particular in Hawaii is experiencing a surge in sales and

prices, with bungalows and luxury dwellings fetching over \$5 million. At the private Hokuli’a community, 1-acre lots start at \$7.5 million. Carrie Nicholson, director of sales and marketing for Hokuli’a, said building prices would start around \$500 per square foot but would more likely land in the range of \$1,000 per square foot.

Residents of Hokuli’a, though, enjoy the advantage of an agriculture easement on their properties, which allows them to introduce organic farming with tax credits from the state. Nicholson said these credits could reduce property taxes to \$200 per year, “leading to plenty of mango trees surrounding the properties inside the community.”

At the Kohanaiki community, which features a Rees Jones-designed golf course, homes are being built with a new emphasis on the work space.

“The home office is no longer a closet off the kitchen,” said Chuck Cary, vice president of sales and marketing. Instead, homeowners now desire expansive views of the water and the mountains with high-density insulation to ensure a quiet environment.

Cary also said that word-of-mouth was driving home sales as many owners, including two top executives of a major big-tech

firm, have moved to the community and are running their divisions from afar while encouraging their colleagues to move to Hawaii.

Lifestyle is driving all of these purchases, with remote work steadily becoming a norm in many industries.

“You finish the workday here,” Cary said, “and you still have the rest of the afternoon to surf, golf and spend the day with your family and friends, not to mention taking in a sunset every evening.”

Timbers Kauai, unlike Hokuli’a and Kohanaiki, has resort facilities along with its private residences and offers fractional ownership opportunities. Homeowners get all the benefits of resort life: room service, airport pickups, concierge offerings.

The Laola residences allow ocean views from a private infinity plunge pool. These four- and five-bedroom townhomes have nearly 3,000 square feet of interior living space, starting at \$6.4 million. Ownership at Timbers affords access to its extensive list of properties around the world.

The appeal of coastal Hawaii, Norman said, is that the jagged coastline makes each view unique. That same geography can limit the amount of water frontage, driving up prices because of scarcity.

Musk may have to sell \$20B in Tesla shares

By Stephen Gandel
The New York Times

Elon Musk may have already been compelled to sell a sizable portion of his Tesla shares even if he had not issued an unusual Twitter pledge over the weekend. Musk on Saturday polled Twitter users on whether he should sell 10% of his stake in his company. The poll appeared to be a response to a Democratic proposal to tax the unrealized gains of billionaires.

“Much is made lately of unrealized gains being a means of tax avoidance, so I propose selling 10% of my Tesla stock,” he tweeted.

Musk said he was raising the question because he does not take a cash salary as Tesla’s CEO and therefore would not have

any way to pay a large tax bill without selling some of his Tesla shares, which make up the vast majority of his wealth.

Musk wrote in a follow-up tweet that he would “abide by the results of this poll, whichever way it goes.”

He closed the poll Sunday, after nearly 3.5 million votes had been cast, with 58% voting for him to sell.

Either way, Musk may soon have needed to sell a chunk of his shares. He holds nearly 23 million stock options that were awarded in 2012. Those options have since vested and will expire in August 2022. Most stock grants allow executives to avoid paying taxes for years, and perhaps forever, as long as they do not sell the shares they get from converting the option.

But Brian Foley, an executive compensation consultant, says that because of the size of Musk’s grant and the way it was structured, it is likely that much of his 2012 options do not qualify for the preferential tax treatment. That means Musk would owe income taxes when he exercises the grant, which at current prices would be worth just under \$30 billion. Musk’s tax bill could top \$10 billion, depending on what percentage of the options do not qualify for the preferential treatment.

Musk may need to sell even more shares than what it would take to pay his tax bill. He owns 17% of Tesla’s shares, which at its current stock price would be worth about \$200 billion. That means his tweets are a pledge to sell \$20 billion worth of shares.

BUSINESS

International routes at Bradley still months away

Aer Lingus and Air Canada flights not expected to return until 2022

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

As the U.S. lifts pandemic-imposed restrictions on travel from Mexico, Canada and most of Europe, it is still likely to be months before international routes flown by Air Canada and Aer Lingus resume at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks.

Kevin Dillon, executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority, which oversees operations at Bradley, said Monday that service on both Air Canada and Aer Lingus are driven by business travel, which has yet to make a significant return as COVID-19 winds down.

“Most of these international routes rely on business connectivity, so it is still our feeling that until people get back into the office and start to resume more normal business activity, it’s going to be a challenge for some of these routes,” Dillon said.

Dillon said he is hopeful, however, that Bradley will see announcements from both Air Canada and Aer Lingus in 2022 about when they will resume serving Bradley.

Dillon said both carriers have told airport officials that they are committed to flying in and out of Bradley, picking back up from when they suspended service at the beginning of the pandemic.

“Right now, the best information that I have is sometime in 2022, but that can change overnight,” Dillon said.

Aer Lingus ushered in a new era of trans-Atlantic flights out of Bradley in 2016, offering direct service from Windsor Locks to Dublin, with connections from Dublin to 26 other European cities. The airline was wooed to Bradley with incentives.

The Aer Lingus route

— daily, except during the winter — was seen as key to economic development, making it easier for companies in the Hartford region to do business abroad in an increasingly global market. The connections are also seen as attractive to leisure travelers.

But the pandemic put an abrupt halt to business travel, and it now has employers rethinking just how much they will spend on travel, especially as virtual meetings became commonplace during COVID-19.

A recent report from global management consultant McKinsey & Co., forecast that the business travel segment that will lead the rebound will be among companies traveling to cultivate “important client relationships. Small and mid-size companies will lead the way. In 2019, before the pandemic, this segment accounted for 60 percent of travel budgets.”

Dillon said both Air Canada and Aer Lingus are resuming service at large airports but it will take longer to reach mid-size airports such as Bradley.

This summer, Bradley saw a “fairly healthy passenger recovery” but that was largely focused on leisure travel, Dillon said.

The U.S. travel rules that went into effect Monday allow air travel from a series of countries in which it has been restricted since the first days of the pandemic, as long as the traveler has proof of vaccination and a negative COVID-19 test.

Those crossing the Mexican or Canadian border are required to provide proof of vaccination, but no test.

American citizens and permanent residents were always allowed to enter the U.S., but the travel bans grounded tourists, thwarted business travelers and some-



Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks saw an increase in leisure travel this summer, but business travel still lags. FILE



Aer Lingus launched its first flight from Bradley International Airport in 2016. FILE



Air Canada has not flown out of Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks since the start of the pandemic. AP

times separated families.

Airlines are preparing for a surge in activity after the pandemic and resulting restrictions that caused international travel to plunge. Data from travel and analytics firm Cirium showed airlines are increasing flights between the United Kingdom and the U.S. by 21% this month over

last month.

In a sign of the huge importance of trans-Atlantic travel for airlines, British Airways and Virgin Atlantic celebrated the reopening by synchronizing the departures of their early-morning flights to New York on parallel runways at London’s Heathrow Airport. BA CEO Sean Doyle was aboard his

company’s plane.

“Together, even as competitors, we have fought for the safe return of trans-Atlantic travel — and now we celebrate that achievement as a team. Some things are more important than one-upmanship, and this is one of those things,” Doyle wrote in a message to customers,

noting that the flight carried the number that used to belong to the supersonic Concorde.

A report from Associated Press was included in this story.

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MARKET RUNDOWN

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

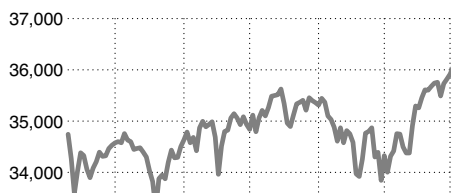
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Dow Jones Industrials
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Change: 104.27 (0.3%)



Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	36,432.22	+104.27	+19.03%
DOW Trans.	16,890.40	+46.42	+35.05%
DOW Util.	907.00	-11.63	+4.90%
NYSE Comp.	17,242.83	+4.48	+18.71%
Nasdaq Comp.	15,982.36	+10.77	+24.01%
S&P 500	4,701.70	+4.17	+25.18%
S&P 400	2,907.40	+2.29	+26.05%
Wilshire 5000	48,951.77	+83.53	+24.06%
Russell 2000	2,442.74	+5.66	+23.69%

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	81.93	81.27	+68.86%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	5.43	5.52	+113.75%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.32	2.32	+63.10%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,827.40	1,816.40	-3.47%
Silver (oz)	24.54	24.15	-6.82%

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.3556	.7377
Canada	.8035	1.2445
China	.1564	6.3927
Euro	1.1588	.8629
Japan	.008831	113.24
Mexico	.049224	20.3153

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	3.25	3.25
3-mo. T-Bill	0.06	0.05
6-mo. T-Bill	0.07	0.07
5-yr T-Note	1.13	1.15
10-yr T-Note	1.49	1.54
30-yr T-Bond	1.89	1.96

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	16,046.52	-7.84	-.05%	+16.97%
London	7,300.40	-3.56	-.05%	+13.00%
Hong Kong	24,763.77	-106.74	-.43%	-9.06%
Nikkei	29,507.05	-104.52	-.35%	+7.52%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	45.06	+3.36	+2025.5
AT&T Inc (T)	24.88	-.22	-13.5
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	150.16	+13.82	+63.7
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	22.25	+.43	+41.1
Amphenol Corp (APH)	81.65	+.21	...
Apple Inc (AAPL)	150.44	-.84	+13.4
Autolus Therapeutics (AUTL)	6.97	+1.41	-22.0
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	50.21	-1.24	+10.5
Bank of America (BAC)	47.34	+.37	+56.2
Barnes Group (B)	44.61	+.42	-12.0
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2639.86	+20.89	+18.5
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	59.41	-.04	-4.2
CBAK Energy Tech (CBAT)	3.20	+1.05	-36.8
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	93.76	-.02	+37.3
Carnival Corp (CCL)	24.59	-.20	+13.5
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	53.34	+.55	+41.4
ChargePoint Holdings (CHPT)	27.60	+2.91	...
Charter Communic (CHTR)	695.18	+5.86	+5.1
Cigna Corp (CI)	218.16	+4.04	+4.8
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (CLF)	23.59	+1.23	+62.0
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	53.49	-.41	+2.1
ContextLogic Inc (WISH)	5.21	+.28	-71.4
Coty Inc (COTY)	10.69	+1.40	+52.3
Disney (DIS)	176.87	+1.24	-2.4
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	130.19	-2.06	+42.3
Ethan Allen (ETD)	24.81	-.06	+22.8
Eversource Energy (ES)	82.62	-1.79	-4.5
EVgo Inc A (EVGO)	13.43	+3.45	-7.9
Ford Motor (F)	20.15	+.86	+129.2
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	10.81	+1.86	-3.2
Gaotu Techedu Inc (GOTU)	3.14	+.28	-93.9
Gen Dynamics (GBD)	202.64	+1.64	+36.2
Gen Electric (GE)	108.42	-.32	+25.8
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	71.49	+.34	+46.0
Honeywell Intl (HON)	225.73	-.33	+6.1
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	17.67	+.07	+33.5
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	23.44	+.65	+38.3
Intel Corp (INTC)	51.55	+.63	+3.5
Kaman (KAMN)	40.46	-.95	-29.2
Keycorp (KEY)	23.70	+.02	+44.4
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	73.27	+.81	+45.6
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	45.92	+4.12	+71.2
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	48.54	-1.83	+54.0
Magellan Health Inc (MGLN)	94.80	+.05	+14.4
Meten Holding Group (METX)	.65	+.03	-67.4

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
MetLife Inc (MET)	63.74	+.23	+35.8
Novartis AG (NVS)	83.22	-.43	-11.9
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	308.04	+10.52	+136.0
Ocugen Inc (OCGN)	9.63	-.61	+426.2
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	82.24	+.53	+21.7
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	26.75	+.75	+13.6
Peloton Interactive (PTON)	51.25	-4.39	-66.2
Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)	18.12	+.15	+40.1
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	48.33	-.28	+31.3
Pioneer Power Solu (PPSI)	10.40	+7.15	+168.7
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	7.69	+.31	+24.8
Plug Power Inc (PLUG)	40.94	+2.57	+20.7
Progenity Inc (PROG)	3.54	+.02	-33.3
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	111.07	+.15	+42.3
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	62.17	-2.02	+6.6
QuantumScape Corp (QS)	37.63	+.61	-55.4
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	90.71	-.47	+26.8
Riot Blockchain Inc (RIOT)	36.69	+5.20	+116.0
Rogers Corp (ROG)	269.87	+.37	+73.8
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	78.68	+.86	+8.2
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	184.71	+.88	+3.4
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	25.95	-.09	+34.5
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.70	+.06	+47.7
TAL Education Grp AD (TAL)	4.09	+.20	-94.3
TDH Holdings Inc (PETZ)	6.09	+2.21	+229.2
Terex Corp (TEX)	50.70	+2.30	+45.3
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	1162.94	-59.15	+64.8
Tilray Inc (TLRY)	12.37	+1.67	+49.8
Trade Desk Inc Cl A (TTD)	88.75	+20.20	+10.8
Travelers Cos (TRV)	158.70	-.90	+13.1
Uber Technologies (UBER)	45.89	-1.30	-10.0
United Rentals (URI)	392.79	+.83	+69.4
US Steel Corp (X)	26.88	+.71	+60.3
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	462.62	+6.81	+31.9
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	327.41	-1.61	+50.9
Voya Financial (VOYA)	67.36	-.80	+14.5
Webster Financial (WBS)	58.35	+.05	+38.4
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1108.63	+25.28	+10.8
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	59.03	+.37	+22.9
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	79.58	+.98	+14.7
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	19.53	...	-15.8
Zynga Inc (ZNGA)	6.99	+.09	-29.2

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WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Jan. 6 House panel subpoenas 6 additional Trump allies in probe

From news services

WASHINGTON — Expanding its probe, the congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection has issued subpoenas to six additional associates of former President Donald Trump who were involved in his efforts to overturn his defeat in the 2020 election.

The House voted last month to hold longtime Trump ally Steve Bannon in contempt after he refused to comply with his subpoena from the panel investigating the origins of the violent attack. Trump himself is fighting the probe in court.

The committee’s chairman, Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, said in a statement Monday that the panel is demanding testimony and documents from former Trump campaign officials and others who participated in a “war room” ahead of the siege and otherwise strategized about how to halt the certification of President Joe Biden’s victory.

Thompson said the committee had issued new subpoenas to Bill Stepien, manager of Trump’s 2020 reelection campaign; Jason Miller, a senior adviser to the campaign; Angela McCallum, national executive assistant to the campaign; John Eastman, a lawyer who advised the former president; Michael Flynn, a former national security adviser to Trump who talked with Trump ahead of the insurrection; and Bernard Kerik, who the committee says paid for hotel rooms that served as command centers ahead of Jan. 6.

“In the days before the January 6th attack, the former president’s closest allies and advisers drove a campaign of misinformation about the election and planned ways to stop the

count of Electoral College votes,” Thompson said. “The Select Committee needs to know every detail about their efforts to overturn the election, including who they were talking to in the White House and in Congress, what connections they had with rallies that escalated into a riot, and who paid for it all.”

The rioters who violently pushed back police to break into the Capitol and interrupt the electoral count repeated Trump’s false claims of widespread fraud, and the committee says the six people subpoenaed helped amplify the misinformation in the days ahead of the attack.

Virus outbreak in LA: People entering a wide variety of businesses in the city of Los Angeles had to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination starting Monday as one of the country’s strictest measures aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus took effect.

The new rule covers businesses ranging from restaurants to shopping malls and theaters to nail and hair salons. Los Angeles is among a growing number of cities across the country, including San Francisco and New York City, requiring people show proof of vaccination to enter businesses and venues.

The regulations went into force as new infection cases have inched up in California, following a sharp decline from an August peak driven by the delta variant.

Virus outbreak in Japan: Japan reported no daily deaths from COVID-19 for the first time in 15 months, as infections decline rapidly in the country.

Health officials Monday said there were no deaths the previous day, giving Japan a total of 18,310 fatalities since the pandemic began. Japan



Traders scavenge clothes from debris burned down by fire early Monday morning at Gikomba market, East Africa’s largest second-hand clothing market, in Nairobi, Kenya. A court has ordered evictions in a part of the market to make way for a health center, but many traders are against the decision, residents say. YASUYOSHI CHIBA/GETTY-AFP

on Monday also eased entry restrictions for foreign students, workers and short-term business travelers who are fully vaccinated, have their activity plans guaranteed by sponsors and observe 10 days of self-isolation.

Self-quarantine for Japanese citizens and foreign residents was also shortened to three days from the previous 10 days. The last time Japan reported no new coronavirus deaths was on Aug. 2, 2020, according to the ministry.

Harris to visit France: Vice President Kamala Harris is pitching in on the White House charm offensive aimed at French President Emmanuel Macron.

The vice president arrives in Paris on Tuesday for a four-day visit, the latest move in a concerted effort by the Biden administration to shore up the U.S. relationship with America’s oldest ally. Washington’s relations with Paris hit a historic low this year after a U.S.-British submarine deal with Australia scuttled a French deal with the Austrians.

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Harris will sit down with Macron on Wednesday at the Élysée Palace for talks that are expected to focus on ways the two nations can better coordinate efforts in the Indo-Pacific and other issues impacting the relationship.

The high-level meeting comes less than two weeks after President Joe Biden met Macron on the margins of the Group of 20 summit in Rome and acknowledged that his administration had handled the submarine deal in a “clumsy” way.

Georgia trial: Jurors were shown graphic, closeup police photos Monday of the gunshot wounds that killed Ahmaud Arbery, while the first officer to find the 25-year-old Black man bleeding in the road testified he did not try to render medical aid because it would not have been safe.

Three white men are on trial for murder and other crimes in the slaying of Arbery, who was chased

and shot Feb. 23, 2020, after he was spotted running in a neighborhood just outside the port city of Brunswick.

Glynn County police Sgt. Sheila Ramos walked the jury through dozens of crime scene photos she took about an hour after the shooting. Several jurors could be seen squirming as Ramos showed Arbery’s body lying in the street under a bloodstained covering. Other images showed views of the gunshot wounds to his wrist as well as grievous injuries to his chest and underneath one of his arms.

Ricky Minshew, then a Glynn County police patrol officer, testified he arrived at the scene in the Satilla Shores subdivision about a minute after the gunshots sounded. Arbery was lying facedown in the street with blood pooling around him.

Minshew testified he heard Arbery make a noise he described as a “death rattle.” The officer radioed for 911 operators to send emergency medical responders, but said he did not have the training

or equipment to treat such serious injuries.

SpaceX crew return: Four astronauts in orbit since spring headed back to Earth on Monday, aiming for a late night splashdown off the Florida coast.

The undocking of their SpaceX capsule from the International Space Station also paved the way for a launch of their four replacements as early as Wednesday night.

The newcomers were scheduled to launch first, but NASA switched the order because of bad weather and an astronaut’s undisclosed medical condition. The welcoming duties will now fall to the lone American and two Russians left behind at the space station.

NASA astronauts Shane Kimbrough and Megan McArthur, Japan’s Akihiko Hoshide and France’s Thomas Pesquet should have been back Monday morning, but high wind in the recovery zone delayed their homecoming.



A street vendor adjusts clothes at his stall at the gate of a subway station in downtown Tehran, Iran. Many low-wage workers bear the brunt of Iran’s economic pain. VAHID SALEMI/AP

Public suicides by Iranians highlight economic anguish

By Nasser Karimi
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Ruhollah Parazideh, a wiry 38-year-old with a thick mustache and hair flecked with gray, was desperate for a job. The father of three in southern Iran walked into a local office of a foundation that helps war veterans and their families, pleading for assistance.

Local media reported that Parazideh told officials he would throw himself off their roof if they couldn’t help. They tried to reason with him, promising a meager loan, but he left unsatisfied.

He soon returned to the gates of the building, poured gasoline over himself, and put a lit match to his neck. He died from his burns two days later, on Oct. 21.

Parazideh’s suicide in the city of Yasuj shocked many in Iran, and not just because he was the son of Golmohammad Parazideh, a prominent provincial hero of the country’s 1980-88 war with Iraq that left hundreds of thousands dead.

It put a spotlight on the rising public fury and

frustration as Iran’s economy sinks, unemployment soars and the price of food skyrocketed.

His death occurred outside the local office of the Foundation for Martyrs and War-Disabled People, a powerful government agency that helps the families of those killed and wounded in Iran’s 1979 Islamic Revolution and subsequent wars.

Iran valorizes its war dead from the conflict with Iraq and the foundation plays a big role in that. After the revolution installed the clerically run system, the foundation began providing pensions, loans, housing, education and even some high-ranking government jobs.

Following Parazideh’s suicide, the foundation fired two of its top provincial officials and demanded the dismissal of the governor’s veteran affairs adviser as well as a social worker, lambasting their failure to help the distressed man, local media reported.

In 2014, parliament launched an investigation into one of the main banks affiliated with the founda-

tion for allegedly embezzling \$5 million. Its findings were never revealed.

The foundation is known to funnel financial support to Islamic militant organizations in the region, from Hezbollah in Lebanon to Hamas in Gaza, leading the U.S. to sanction it in 2007 for supporting terrorism.

Parazideh’s suicide was one of several in recent years that appear driven by economic hardships.

“I don’t know where we are headed because of poverty,” said Reza Hashemi, a literature teacher at a Tehran high school.

Iran’s currency, the rial, has shriveled to less than 50% of its value since 2018. Wages haven’t grown to make up the loss, and the Labor Ministry reported that over a third of the population lives in extreme poverty. Many low-wage workers bear the brunt of Iran’s crisis.

Last month, in another case that drew huge attention, a 32-year-old teacher facing crushing debt hanged himself in the suburban city of Guerash after a bank rejected his \$200 loan request.

Solar farms facing pushback in demand for green energy

By Ellen Rosen
The New York Times

NEW YORK — Hecate Energy, a renewable energy developer, had hoped to install a 500-acre solar farm in Copake, New York, a quiet town nestled between the Catskill and Berkshire mountains. The setting was ideal because of its proximity to an electrical substation, critical to the power transmission.

But after facing an outcry from some in the community who feared the installation would mar the bucolic setting, Hecate scaled back its plans.

“We heard loud and clear,” said Diane Sullivan, Hecate’s senior vice president for environmental and permitting. “People felt that the project was too large, and they wanted us to shrink it down.”

Hecate cut the size of the planned development to 245 acres, which it says will still produce the 60 megawatts of electricity in the original design.

The Copake fight mirrors similar battles raging in rural areas like Lake County, Oregon; Clinton County, Ohio; and Troy, Texas. Developers say industrial-scale solar farms are needed to meet the nation’s goals to mitigate the rise of climate change, but locals are fighting back against what they see as an encroachment on their pastoral settings, the loss of agricultural land and a decline in property values.

Until recently, most farms were built in the West, where abundant sunshine powers industrial-scale solar arrays and installations were farther away from sight lines. But now, with federal and state governments committing to a reduction in fossil fuels, joined by corporate giants like Amazon and Microsoft, the industry is seeking solar installations in areas where



A field where Hecate Energy proposed building a solar farm in Copake, New York. BRYAN ANSELM/THE NEW YORK TIMES

the calculus is more complicated.

In the first half of this year alone, developers installed 5.7 gigawatts of solar capacity, for a total of 108.7 gigawatts of capacity, sufficient to reach 18.9 million U.S. homes, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association. That number is only expected to grow, said Sean Gallagher, the group’s vice president for state and regulatory affairs.

“Utilities are increasingly interested, corporations want to go green, and consumers want them all to be cleaner,” he said. The proposals often involve hundreds of acres of solar panels.

“Typically, 5 to 7 acres are needed to create 1 megawatt of power,” said Matt Birchby, co-founder and president of Swift Current Energy, a solar developer that is working on a proposal for Clark County, Kentucky.

Improvements in the capabilities of the panels allow for greater electricity generation in fewer panels, meaning a smaller footprint.

Nonetheless, finding appropriate sites with sufficient sunlight, proximity to the grid and up-to-date infrastructure is challenging.

Approximately 0.5% of U.S. land would need to be

covered with solar panels to achieve the decarbonization goals proposed by the Biden administration in April, according to a study by the Energy Department. Urban settings usually lack enough space for significant projects; as a result, 90% of the suitable land sits in rural areas.

But even rural land is not entirely suitable. It needs to be in proximity to the electricity infrastructure that can add more power. The grade of land matters; steeper slopes can be less efficient in the energy captured than flatter land. And wetlands are usually protected by federal or state law.

More importantly, development depends on owners willing to lease their property often for decades over the objection of neighbors.

“We are not saying not in our backyard; we’re saying the developer can do a lot better in our backyard,” said Darin Johnson, a member of Sensible Solar for Rural New York, which is opposing the Copake project.

The Town of Copake, along with several other New York communities and Audubon groups, sued New York state, challenging a new law aimed at making solar projects easier to build in the state as part of an ambitious plan to reduce fossil fuels by 2030.



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Connecticut			
TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #1101 HVAC SERVICES	Public Notice	Notice of Remediation Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 22a-134a(i)	Notice of Permit Application Town(s): Essex, CT 06426
The Town of Bloomfield is soliciting proposals from qualified and experienced mechanical contractors to provide preventive maintenance and repair services to its HVAC systems in Town facilities. Submittal requirements may be found on the town's website, www.bloomfieldct.gov. All responses must be received by 1:00 PM on December 1, 2021 to be considered. 11/9/2021 7081993	In accordance with City of Hartford Municipal Code Section 29-16, the Hartford Police Department is in possession of unclaimed found property. If you have lost property in the City of Hartford, contact the HPD Property Room at 860 757-4180 weekdays 7-A.M to 2:30 P.M. Please provide a detailed description of the property, the circumstances of its loss, and proof of ownership. Positive identification is required before property will be released. Found Property is held for six months after being turned in. Tues 10/12-12/28/21 7057211	Notice is hereby given that Carter S. Gowrie (the "Applicant") of 1 Teal Lane, Essex, CT 06426 will submit to the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection ("DEEP") an application under Connecticut General Statutes Section(s) 22a-32 (Tidal Wetlands); and 22a-361 (Structures, Dredging & Fill).	Notice is hereby given that Carter S. Gowrie (the "Applicant") of 1 Teal Lane, Essex, CT 06426 will submit to the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection ("DEEP") an application under Connecticut General Statutes Section(s) 22a-32 (Tidal Wetlands); and 22a-361 (Structures, Dredging & Fill).
LEGAL NOTICE			
Town of: Westport Notice to Contractors: Sealed bids for the construction of the following project will be received by the Town of Westport at the Office of the Controller, Room 313 Town Hall - 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport, Connecticut, 06880 on Thursday, December 2, 2021 until 11:00 AM, after which time no further bids will be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS. Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to the aforementioned address. Each sealed envelope containing a Bid must be plainly marked on the outside as: BID NO. 22-035T REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 04969 BAYBERRY LANE #2 OVER THE ASPETUCK RIVER PROJECT NO. 2017-12 The bid envelope should also bear on the outside the name of the Bidder, his address, and his license number if applicable. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the Bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Town at the above address. All Bids must be made on the required Bid form. All blank spaces for Bid prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, and the Bid form must be fully completed and executed when submitted. Only one copy of the Bid form is required. The bid opening will take place via a ZOOM meeting 24 hours after the bid deadline. Bid downloaders will automatically be sent the ZOOM invitation. Others may request the invitation by emailing rkotchko@westportct.gov. FEDERAL PROJECT F.A.R. #6158(014) Town of Westport Bid No. 22-035T State Project No. 158-216 Town Project No. 2017-12 Replacement of Bridge No. 04969, Bayberry Lane #2 over Aspetuck River Contract Goal: 11% Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) The Town of Westport (Municipality) hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and that they will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, mental retardation or physical disability, including but not limited to blindness, in consideration for an award. "Bid Proposal Form", "Schedule of Prices", "Bid Bond", "Non-Collusion Affidavit" and "Bidder's Prequalification approval letter signed by the CTDOT Contracts Manager must be completed and returned with the submitted bid. Failure to properly execute and include any one of these five documents in the bid submission will result in the bid not being read and the subsequent rejection of the bid. Plans and Specifications for the above project may be examined and/or obtained at Advanced Reprographics, 50 Corporate Avenue, Plainville, CT 06062, (860) 410-1020. Plans and Specifications may be viewed and/or obtained by going to the Advanced Reprographics website www.advancedrepro.net. Prospective bidders should access the "Planroom" on the website and go to the "Public Jobs" area, no log in information is necessary. Plans and specifications may be picked up at the Advanced Reprographics office. Plans and specifications may also be ordered by calling the Advanced Reprographics number listed above. Bidders are responsible for all printing costs and shipping costs, as applicable. Form 818 Standard Specifications may be obtained via the Connecticut Department of Transportation's website: http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=3609&q=430362. All Proposals must be on the form furnished by the Municipality and must be requested for the above named project. NOTE: Prospective bidders must have a current sworn Statement (CON-16) on file with the Connecticut Department of Transportation and be prequalified to perform Group No. 8 Minor Bridges work. The Bidder's Prequalification approval letter signed by the CTDOT Contracts Manager shall be included as part of the bid package submitted to the Municipality. NOTE: Any Contractor or Subcontractor engaged in surface preparation and/or coating application must be certified by the Steel Structures Painting Council. NOTE: A Surety Company Bond, on the form furnished by the Municipality, for at least 30 percent of the amount of the bid must accompany each proposal. A certified check will not be accepted. The Municipality reserves the right to reject any and all bids. NOTE: The two (2) lowest bidders, as determined by the Municipality immediately after the bid opening, shall submit the Pre-award DBE Commitment Approval Request form(s) to the Municipality NO LATER THAN FIVE (5) calendar days after the bid opening. This is a requirement of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26, Participation of DBEs. If the second low bidder does not submit the required DBE forms within the required time, they will not be eligible for contract award. CONTRACTORS that find discrepancies and/or errors in or between plans, specifications, quantities and other matters, must immediately notify Keith Wiltberg, Westport Town Engineer (kwiltberg@westportct.gov), in writing not less than ten days before the scheduled bid opening. Date: _____ Town of Westport 11/09/21 7081960			
INVITATION TO BID			
Bids are invited by the Owner for rehabilitation work on their property located at 40 Bristol Drive, Canton, CT. Bids will be received on behalf of the Owner by the Town of Canton. Deliver bids to: Chief Administrative Officer's Office, 4 Market Street, Canton, CT. Mail bid packages to Chief Administrative Officer's Office, PO Box 168, Collinsville, CT 06022 no later than 2:00 P.M., on December 7, 2021, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bid Packages are available at the State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services (DAS) website, https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTSource/BidBoard. Town of Canton Solicitation Number 023-PI-01 Mandatory pre-bid conference: 9:00 AM November 23, 2021, 40 Bristol Drive, Canton, CT. Scope of work: Removal of existing walkway and retaining walls and install cast in place concrete walk, stairs and walls. For information, contact Shawn Saucier, at 203-808-6497 or rehab@aesgrpllc.com. The Owner and/or the Town of Canton reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids or any portion of any bid or to waive any technicality if deemed in their best interest. The Town of Canton is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer, WBE/ SBE/MBE/DBE and Section 3 Designated Contractors, are encouraged to apply 11/9/2021 7076303			
Notice of Request for Proposals for Renewable Energy Projects			
PowerOptions, Inc., a non-profit energy buying consortium, is soliciting proposals from interested providers to offer participation in remotely located renewable energy projects to the members of the Pow-erOptions consortium, which is comprised of non-profits and governmental organizations throughout Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The Request for Proposals is available at www.poweroptions.org/renewableRFP or: PowerOptions, Inc. 129 South St 6th floor Boston, MA 02111 Telephone (617) 856-5233 renewableRFP@poweroptions.org Completed proposals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST, January 10th, 2022 at the above email address. PowerOptions reserves the right to reject any and all submissions. 11/9/2021 7082217			

Liquor Notices

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **AARON R ALTENHEIN, 612 MILLERS WAY SIMSBURY, CT 06070-1994 (860)680-6656**. Have filed an application placarded **11/08/2021** with the Department of Consumer Protection for a **RESTAURANT LIQUOR PERMIT** for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at **22 RAYMOND RD WEST HARTFORD CT 06107-2213**. The business will be owned by **TORO STREET FOODS LLC**. Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified) Objections must be filed by: 12-20-2021.

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LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **KENNETH T RODRIGUEZ, 63 SUMMIT ST, HARTFORD, CT 06106-3106**. Have filed an application placarded **10/28/2021** with the Department of Consumer Protection for a **CAFE LIQUOR PERMIT** for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at **628 ASYLUM AVE, HARTFORD, CT 06105-3836**. The business will be owned by **SYPS B G LLC**. Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified) Objections must be filed by: 12-09-2021.

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Sylvia Hawes

BLOOMFIELD

Jessie P. Baker
Mary W. Culligan

BRISTOL

Claudia "Dee" Connelly
Cecile Godbout Ciekawy
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West Yarmouth, MA
Raymond F. Egan
Duwoody, Georgia
John F. Schneider
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* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES


Archacki, Agnes



West Yarmouth, MA: Agnes Archacki passed away recently at the Mill Hill Residence in West Yarmouth, MA. She blessed us with her presence for 101 years. Agnes was born in Lyster, Canada to the late Joseph and Leontine Brousseau. She grew up in New Britain, CT and worked at the Fafnir Bearing Company for many years. She and her late husband, Walter, lived in East Berlin, CT for fifty years. She was predeceased, sadly, by her daughter, Geri, along with her brothers, Joe, Eddie and John and sisters, Bernie and Pearl. She is survived by her two sons, Robert and his wife, Marion Archacki and Raymond Archacki as well as many wonderful grandchildren, great and great, great grandchildren. Agnes was a very special person and she will be dearly missed. In accordance with her wishes, no memorial service is planned. Those wishing to honor her memory may have a Mass said in her name or make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association or to a charity of your choice.

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Baker, Jessie P.




Jessie P. Baker was born in Hartford, CT on December 2, 1927. She transitioned from this life on Sunday, November 7, 2021. She was the daughter of the late Cleve and Josie (Edgeworth) Baisden, who raised her in Bethel A.M.E Church. Bethel is where her spiritual journey began. Jessie was educated in the Hartford Public School System. Jessie met and married the late Charles Arthur Baker, Sr. As a result of this union, they were blessed with seven children, Charlotte Baker, Rose Baker, Cora (Baker) Banks, Charles Baker, Jr., William (Barbara) Baker, Cleve (Yvonne) Baker, Sr., and Joseph Baker. She also leaves hosts of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Jessie was predeceased by husband Charles Baker, Sr., son, Charles Baker, Jr., granddaughter, Desiree Baker, brother, Jimmie Baisden, sisters, Nannel Lipscomb and Hattie Myrick. Jessie was employed and retired from the State of CT, Dept. of Transportation. She was a dedicated employee who served meritoriously. Jessie served in various organizations at Bethel A.M.E Church such as the Treasurer of the Pastor Aide, Secretary, N.E.A.T program, and President of Stewardess Board #1. Jessie was consecrated as Deaconess at The New England Annual Conference #143rd Session, April 21-24, 1994 at Bethel A.M.E. Church New Haven. Jessie was also appointed Steward Emeriti. Jessie's children will cherish her memory eternally. A celebration of Jessie's life will take place on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 11:00am with a visitation from 10:00am – 11:00am at Bethel AME Church located at 1154 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Interment will be held at Mountain View Cemetery, 30 Mountain Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Baker family please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Millrod, Robert



Robert "Bob" Millrod, 64, of Newington, passed away peacefully on November 5, 2021. Born in West Hartford to the late Myron and Audrey Millrod, Bob was the beloved husband of Rosana Millrod for 31 years. He is survived by his wife Rosana, his in-laws Umberto and Salvatrice Teodoro, brother-in-law Paul Teodoro, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Concetta and Paulo Fichera, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Carmen and Salvatore Mangiafico, nephews Daniel Fichera, Paul Fichera, Anthony Mangiafico, and niece Cecilia Sabatelli. He loved animals and was passionate for his New York Yankees. Bob was also a dedicated worker at the Travelers Insurance Company for 41 years. Funeral arrangements will be held privately.

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Benson, Gail B.




Gail B. Benson, 71, of Delaware, Ohio and formerly of Madison, Connecticut passed away unexpectedly Saturday afternoon, October 30, 2021 at her residence. She was born September 27, 1950 in Port Chester, New York to the late William Harlan Benson and Phyllis (Moles) Benson. A graduate of Pascack Hills High School in New Jersey, Gail went on to receive her associates degree from Endicott College and her master's degree in Business from the University of New Haven. An IT Auditor, she was a devoted and faithful member of the North Madison Congregational Church in Madison, Connecticut where she served as a deacon and virtual deacon. An avid writer, she authored several published articles and editorials. Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Kathryn Benson of Delaware, Ohio; brothers, Bill Benson Jr. and Peter Benson, niece Kimberly Benson, nephews Bill Benson IV (Emily), Scott Benson (Kristen), Ken Benson (Kate), Nick Benson (Torrey), along with several great nieces and nephews whom Gail adored. A virtual service will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 4:00 pm with Pastor Heather Arcovitch officiating. The service may be viewed by logging into www.Facebook.com/NoMadUCC/ In lieu of flowers, a donation in honor of Gail may be made to North Madison Congregational Church through their website at www.northmadisoncc.org The Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center of Delaware, Ohio is honored to serve the Benson family. To share a fond memory of Gail or to offer a condolence to her family, please visit www.snyderfuneralhomes.com

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Connelly, Claudia "Dee" Bird



Claudia "Dee" (Bird) Connelly, 68, of Bristol, passed away on Wednesday (November 3, 2021) at home surrounded by her loving family. Dee was born on August 30, 1953 in Bristol and was a daughter of the late Robert and Grace Bird. A lifelong Bristol resident, she graduated from Bristol Central High School. She worked at her family's business, the Bristol Nurseries before training to become a nurse. She was a well-loved LPN at Walnut Hill, Brightview of Avon, and at Ingraham Manor from where she retired. Dee is survived by three children: Tracey Brayton, Jaime LaChapelle and husband, Robert, and Brandon Bird all of Bristol; her partner of 34 years: Michael Russo; her siblings: Jeffrey Bird of Bristol and Cynthia Bird of Ivoryton; her beloved grandson: Destin Brayton with whom she shared a very close bond with, and nieces and nephews. Calling hours will be held on Saturday (November 13, 2021) between 2 and 4 PM at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, who has the honor of serving the family. Please visit Dee's memorial web-site at www.FunkFuneralHome.com.




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Countryman, Tori Lynn



Tori Lynn Countryman, 56, of South Windsor, passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021, surrounded by her loving family at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Tori, devoted sister to Clayvon Countryman Jr. and beloved daughter of Helen Broadnax Countryman and the late Clayvon Countryman Sr., was born September 24, 1965, in Hartford. Funeral services will be held 11am on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at the Carmon Community Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave. Windsor. The family will receive friends prior from 10am-11am. For online condolences and complete obituary, visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com




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Culligan, Mary W.



Mary W. Culligan of West Hartford, formerly of Bloomfield, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 24th, 2021. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, CT. Burial to follow in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489 or Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Avenue, Bloomfield, CT. For Mary's full obituary or to leave online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

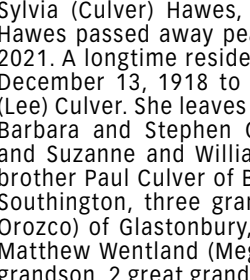


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Hawes, Sylvia (Culver)




Sylvia (Culver) Hawes, 102, wife of the late Timothy Hawes passed away peacefully on Friday November 5, 2021. A longtime resident of Berlin, Sylvia was born on December 13, 1918 to the late Howard M. and Emma (Lee) Culver. She leaves two daughters and sons-in-law: Barbara and Stephen Cancellarini of South Carolina, and Suzanne and William A. Wentland Jr. of Bristol, a brother Paul Culver of Berlin, and a sister June Ryan of Southington, three grandsons: Neil Cancellarini (Trish Orozco) of Glastonbury, Mark Wentland of Bristol, and Matthew Wentland (Meghan) of West Hartford. 1 great grandson, 2 great granddaughters and many nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by 3 brothers, 3 sisters and a grandson. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the Berlin Congregational Church, 878 Worthington Ridge, Berlin on Thursday, November 11, 2021, the service for Sylvia will be at 11:00 a.m. (Masks are required). Burial at Maple Cemetery will follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the Berlin Congregational Church. To share memories or condolences of Sylvia, please visit www.berlinmemorialfuneralhome.com



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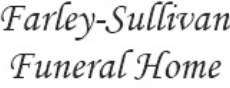
Reverend Mr. Raymond F. Egan, 86, of Dunwoody Died on Saturday, the 6th of November 2021. Affectionately known to many as "Deacon Ray" he was a native of Hartford, Connecticut. Early in his life before settling in Dunwoody, he was a proud Policeman and Fireman in Windsor Locks Ct. He was a charter member of All Saints Catholic Church and was a current member of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church. Deacon Ray served as chaplain for the Dunwoody Police Department and Hartsfield Jackson International Airport. Preceded in death by his loving wife, Betty-Lee Egan, surviving are his children, Debra Jean Chesneau (Howard), Kathleen Schwarzer (Tom), Maureen Cooper (Jim), Raymond F. Egan, Jr. (Katrin); grandchildren, Cody and Cassandra Chesneau, Tom, and Julia Schwarzer; Nicholas Uselton, Lennox and Amy Egan; brother and sister-in-law, Robert A. and Alice Marie Egan; and nieces and nephew, Lauren, Eileen, and Robert A. Egan, Jr. A wake will take place Thursday, the 11th of November from six until eight o'clock at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 7171 Glenridge Drive, NE, Atlanta, GA 30328 followed by a Mass on Friday, the 12th of November at 10:30AM. Following the Mass there will be a reception in the Stapleton Center. The rite of Committal will take place at 1:30PM at Arlington Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church.

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Flannery, John




John Flannery, 81, beloved husband to the late Joan (Pribyson) of East Hartford, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, November 7, 2021. John was born on June 23, 1940 to the late Kieran and Mary (Quinn) Flannery in Hartford. After growing up in Hartford, John went to work for the Department of Transportation and retired after 26 years as a Purchasing Officer. He was a fanatic about lawns and lived for landscaping. Politics was a passion of his, he was always in the know about what was going on in the world, and you could always find John reading or watching the news and keeping up on current events. John was a family man, he loved his family deeply but he also had a special love for his dog. John will be missed by his loving daughters, Maureen Hult of Westbrook, Eileen Flannery of East Hartford, his brothers-in-law David Pribyson of Glastonbury and John McCarthy of Glastonbury, and sister-in-law Janice Pribyson of Wethersfield. He was predeceased by his grandchildren, Devlin and Casey Hult, his brother-in-law, Richard Pribyson, sisters-in-law, Mary Pribyson and Eileen McCarthy and his son-in-law, Peter Hult. Friends may call on the family on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubuc Avenue, Glastonbury. The funeral will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 9:15 am from the funeral home with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrating John's life at 10:00am in Saint Paul Church of SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, 2577 Main Street Glastonbury. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, 1318 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd. S. #4B, Southington, CT 06489. To extend condolences, or for further information, please visit Farleysullivan.com



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Frisch, Irene




FRISCH Irene, of West Hartford, CT, widow of Eugene Frisch, passed peacefully on November 7, 2021. A lifelong lover of books, Irene lived many chapters. She was born on May 1, 1931 and raised in Drogobycz, Poland. From ages 11-15, she survived the Holocaust. After liberation, she served in the IDF, attended law school in Tel Aviv, and finally came to the U.S. There she married fellow survivor, Eugene, whom she met on a blind date courtesy of her sister, Pola. They raised Randy and Sharone in Teaneck, NJ, while Irene earned a Master's Degree in Library Science from Columbia University. Irene held several prestigious positions, including head librarian for Sterling Drug on Park Avenue. After retiring, Irene and Eugene relocated to Fort Lee, NJ where Irene took up bridge and painting, published stories about her life, and especially enjoyed time with her four grandchildren. Irene spent her final chapter in West Hartford, CT. She was predeceased by Eugene; parents, Sarah and Israel Bienstock; siblings, Pola and Ludwig; and courageous Frances Sobkowa, the Righteous Gentile who hid Irene during the Holocaust. Irene leaves behind her children, Benjamin (Randy) and former wife Wendy; Sharone and Paul Kornman; and grandchildren, Jacob, Isabel, Joseph and Ariel. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, November 9 at 1pm at Cedar Park Cemetery in Paramus, NJ officiated by Rabbi David Small. After interment, the family will observe the first Shiva night from 6-8pm on Tuesday at 207 West 75th Street, Apartment 2, NY, NY. For information about zoom access and calling hours in Connecticut and NY, please go to <https://forms.gle/E9ruamAXptgwHSZdA> In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Emanuel Synagogue in West Hartford or Voices of Hope of Connecticut.

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Logie, Brenda L.



On the afternoon of November 7, Brenda Lee (Nielsen) Logie passed away at the age of 71. She was born on May 31, 1950, to Evan and Roberta Nielsen in Cedar City, Utah. Brenda was the beloved wife to her husband David, and mother to four children, Tricia, Jilene, Brian, and Kara. Brenda's pride and joy were her 17 grandchildren. All are invited to pay their respects from 5-8PM on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at the Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home, 364 Salmon Brook Street, Granby, CT 06035. Please join us with a funeral service to be held at 11AM on Friday, November 12, 2021, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints chapel, 1000 Mountain Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002. For a full obituary and to share a memory of Brenda or condolence message with her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Godbout Ciekawy, Cecile



Cecile J. (Fortier) Godbout Ciekawy, 89, of Bristol, widow of Leo Godbout, Kenneth Schmitt, Raymond Hayes, and Charles Ciekawy, died on Saturday (November 6, 2021). Cecile was born in Bristol on November 9, 1931 and was a daughter of the late Argee and Marie Rose (Roberge) Fortier. She has lived in Bristol for most of her life where she graduated from high school. She worked for Humason Manufacturing and was retired from Stanley Industrial Components and was a parishioner of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Bristol, attending St. Ann Church. She volunteered with her work credit union, was active with her Catholic parish in Melbourne, FL where she was a member of the ladies' retreat, and enjoyed playing bingo, cards, and board games. She was a talented seamstress having learned the craft from her mother. Cecile is survived by five sons and daughters-in-law: Michael and Margaret Godbout of Colchester, David and Laurie Godbout of Florida, Richard and Diane Godbout of Bristol, Brian and Peggy Godbout of Bristol, and Alan and Jill Godbout of Bristol; a sister: Murielle Kelly of Berlin; 22 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers: Lucien and Norman Fortier and two grandchildren: Emily and Andrew Godbout. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday (November 10, 2021) at 10 AM at St. Ann Church, 215 West St., Bristol. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. The family will receive relatives and friends at the church on Wednesday between 9:30 and 10 AM. Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, is honored to serve the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Francis de Sales Parish, 180 Laurel St., Bristol, CT 06010. Please visit Cecile's memorial website at www.FunkFuneralHome.com.



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Niedzwiecki, Mireille (Beauvais)



On Thursday, November 12, 2020, we said farewell to our beloved mother, grandmother, friend, Mireille Niedzwiecki. It is now time to honor this amazing woman with family and friends beside us. Please join us as we celebrate her life with a memorial mass on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at Holy Cross Church, corner of Farmington Ave./Biruta Street, New Britain, CT 06053, followed by interment of her ashes at Sacred Heart Cemetery, New Britain. The Church requests that masks be worn during the service. To view Mireille's life story, please visit <https://www.biegafuneralhome.com/obituary/mireille-niedzwiecki>

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Perrault., Paul E.



Paul E. Perrault, 68, of Newington, passed away on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 in his home, following a brief illness. Born in Methuen, MA on December 7, 1952, son of the late Alfred L. Perrault and Jeannette (Dallaire) Perrault, he had resided in Philadelphia for most of his adult life, moving to Newington just a few years ago. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and helped raise two sons while in Philadelphia. Paul spent his early years in Gloucester, MA and in Norwich, CT. When

young, his interests were music, Superman, and baseball. Dominant as a Little League pitcher in 1965, one 6-inning

All-Star game was a standout. He struck out 13! (But walked 8 - they still won) While his interest in the Man of Steel diminished a bit over the years, music remained his lifelong passion. Playing a mean guitar, he had a remarkable memory for popular music, lyrics, and chords. During his professional years he held a variety of positions but really hit his stride in his retirement through volunteerism. He especially enjoyed his work with Meals on Wheels but any task that required human interaction was a task he loved. All agree that his was a soul simply filled with love - love of God, love of family, love of life. And where his soul now resides, they are very happy to have him. He leaves two sons, Christopher Perrault and his wife Vanessa of Philadelphia, and Matthew Perrault and his wife Rachel of Tennessee. He is also survived by his sisters, Carol Aregood and Cindy Perrault of Vernon, and his brothers, Ron Perrault of Rockport, MA, and Thomas Perrault of Manchester, as well as many nieces and nephews. A graveside memorial will be held for immediate family members in the near future. Memorial donations in Paul's name may be made to Newington Senior Disabled Center, 120 Cedar St, Newington, CT 06111.

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Rooney, Marlyce Ann (Walz)



Marlyce Ann Rooney, 87, of Simsbury, CT, passed away on Saturday November 6, 2021, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT from Covid-19. Marlyce was born in Washington, DC on September 24, 1934 to Ernest Walz and Mary Yasinoksy. She was the oldest of their three children.

Marlyce said her life began the day she met Raymond Rooney, and they were married on July 17, 1954 after Ray returned from serving in the Korean War. Marlyce and Ray lived in Washington, DC and Maryland where Marlyce was a dedicated mother of five children and worked for the Government Printing Office. In 1977 Ray's job at American Airlines relocated them to Coventry, CT. There Marlyce was actively involved with many ministries at St. Mary's Church in Coventry, worked as a bank teller, and then became a certified nutrition supervisor for Coventry public schools. After Ray's passing in 2009, Marlyce moved to Simsbury where she enjoyed making new and dear friends at St. Catherine of Siena Church and One West Street. At One West she was active in several committees but enjoyed her work on the social committee the most. She was also active in the community, volunteering at The Second Chance Shop and St. Francis Hospital. Most important to Marlyce was her daily worship and dedication to multiple ministries at her beloved St. Catherine's of Siena Church in West Simsbury.

Faith and family were the golden threads in the cloth of Marlyce's life. She was devoted to her faith and to every family member. She enjoyed cooking, especially for her family on holidays, and watching her grandchildren participate in their many games and other activities. With Ray, she played an active role in each grandchild's young life. She was known for her love of laughter, spoiling her granddogs, and her passionate views on life. Later in life, nothing would give her more joy than holding a newborn great grandchild and visiting with family.

Marlyce is survived by her sister Barbara Walz, brother George Walz PhD, her beloved children, Mary Lynne Ebner (Steve, deceased) of Durango CO, Beth Ann Sorge (Patrick) of Gaithersburg MD, Kathy Welliver of Delray Beach FL, Sharon Rooney (Gayle Presley) of South Windsor CT, and Jon Rooney (Christel) of Bloomfield CT. She leaves her adored grandchildren and great grandchildren, Andrew, Jennifer, Gregory (Danielle), Matthew (Heather), Danielle (Karoline), Ashley (Kimani), Jamie (Matt), Brittany (Rick), Haley, Willem, Anna, Ty, Emma, Nathan, Jaelyn, Kayla, Ryott, Alivia, Kason and Daxton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, November 12 at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 265 Stratton Brook Road, West Simsbury, CT. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Coventry, CT at 2pm. There will be no public viewing, but the Mass and burial will be open to the public. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider making a donation to St. Catherine of Siena Church. Please visit www.VincentFuneralHome.com for a "Book of Memories" and to find a livestream option for the Mass.

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Schneider, John Frederick



John F. Schneider of Acworth, Georgia, formerly of Newington, age 69, died of lung cancer October 31 at home. Born in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin to the late Frederick and Lois Schneider, he grew up in Newington. After graduating from Kingswood-Oxford School, he attended Utica College in New York state and served in the Army Reserves. For many years, John worked in the financial and insurance industries. He enjoyed politics, dogs, and sports, especially the Green Bay Packers and Atlanta Braves. He leaves his wife, Denise Schneider; two sisters, Jane Schneider Bradford and Anne Schneider McNulty; several nieces and nephews; and cousins. The funeral and burial were private.

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Vogel, Ronald W.



Ronald W. Vogel, 89, of Stafford Springs, CT, husband of the late Dorothy Mae (Koniar) Vogel, passed away with his family by his side on Saturday, November 6, 2021. He was born in Stafford Springs, CT, son of the late Christopher and Louise (Joslin) Vogel. Ron served our country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, and retired from the State of Connecticut



Department of Transportation as a Supervisor after 38 years of employment. In his earlier years, Ron coached for Stafford Little League. He enjoyed spending time with his family, and was a loving father and grandfather. He especially held a special place in his heart for his two grandsons, their "Papa". Ron leaves behind his two children, Randy Vogel and his wife Nancy of Florida, and Linda Baker and her husband Rick of Stafford Springs, CT; two grandsons, Eric Vogel and his partner Megan Davies of Florida, and Sean Vogel and his wife Ashley of Stafford Springs, CT; in laws, Roseanne and Jerry Parizek, Mary Jane and Roland Labbe, Alice Sousa, and Milan and Helen Koniar; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Besides his wife Dorothy, he was predeceased by his daughter, Shelly Vogel. A calling hour will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9-10 A.M., with a funeral service to take place at 10 A.M., at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Willington Hill Cemetery, Willington, CT. The family would like to give special thanks to his caregiver, Tamar, for all the laughs and wonderful care she provided Ron before his passing. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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Waluk, Joseph W.



Joseph W. Waluk, 81, of Kensington, CT peacefully passed away Monday, November 8, 2021 at Mulberry Gardens in Plantsville, CT. Born in New Britain, CT on October 26, 1940, son of the late Sabin and Sophie (Evanoski) Waluk. He was a devoted husband to his late wife, Maryann (Kovaleski) Waluk, loving father and proud

grandfather and great-grandfather. Joseph was a graduate of St. Mary's Preparatory School in Orchard Lake, Michigan where he held the State Record for Shot Put and was inducted into the Michigan Hall of Fame. He was a past member of the Timberlin Men's Golf Club, Italian Independent Political Club and SVEA Club in Berlin for many years. Joseph was the owner and operator of Waluk's Auto Service until his retirement in 2005. Joseph is survived by his daughters, Betty Waluk Connolly of Bristol, CT and Theresa Cline of Kensington, CT; grandchildren Joseph Luciano (Kaitlyn King) of New Britain, CT and Anya Borowy (Timothy Broderick) of Bristol, CT; great granddaughter Kenzley Elizabeth Broderick. He also leaves the families four legged friends, Chloe, Kimber, Rex and Elsa, who's company always brought a smile to his face. Joseph was predeceased by his sister Barbara Waluk.

Funeral services and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. The Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, CT. has charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org/ct). To extend condolences to the Waluk family or to share a memory of Joseph, please visit SHAKERFUNERALHOME.COM

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Rosienski, Barbara H (Gessay)



Barbara H. Rosiensi, 82, passed away peacefully at Holyoke HealthCare Center on November 3rd, 2021; surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on July 17th, 1939, in Rockville, CT and was predeceased by her parents Rudolph and Helen (Tiziani) Gessay, her husband Theodore R. Rosiensi, and daughter Debra Ann Rosiensi. Barbara is survived



by her daughters Sharon (Matthew) Stuart of Unionville, CT, Lori (Daniel) Arona of Westfield, MA, her brother, Kenneth (Nancy) Gessay, of Rockville, CT, her granddaughters Katrina and Adrianna Arona, of whom which were her entire world. She has left many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will mourn her loss as well. Visiting hours will be held on Friday November 12th on 4-7 PM, at Firtion Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad Street, Westfield, MA. Family and friends are invited to attend Barbara's funeral services on Saturday November 13th at 9:30AM in the Firtion- Adams Funeral Service followed by her Funeral Mass at 10:30AM in Holy Trinity Church Westfield. Rites of Committal service immediately following at Saint Stanislaus, Chicopee MA.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to: New England Hospice 190 Old Derby Street Suite 304 Hingham MA 02043 OR Holy Trinity Church 335 Elm Street Westfield MA 01085. For Barbara's Tribute Page please visit www.firtionadams.com.

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Hartford reverses mask mandate



Hartford no longer will mandate mask-wearing inside buildings, Mayor Luke Bronin said Monday. Hartford imposed the mask mandate in August after not having one for much of the summer. **SEAMUS MCAVOY/HARTFORD COURANT**

Indoor order lifted citywide, effective immediately, as capital joins Stamford, Manchester and others

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

The city of Hartford has ended its citywide indoor mask mandate, effective immediately, Mayor Luke Bronin announced Monday. “We’ve said from the very beginning that we would follow the data, that we would respond to the trends that we see,” Bronin said at a press conference. Hartford imposed the mask mandate in August after not having one for much of the summer amid

a spike in COVID-19 cases as the delta variant spread. Since then, the test positivity and case rates have fallen steadily. The city’s case rate has declined to about 10 per 100,000 people from a high of 26, and test positivity rate has declined to about 2.5% from a mid-August high of 6.9%. “It’s important that we use the tools we have, and we use those tools in response to the trends that we see,” Bronin said. “But we shouldn’t let our public health measures become a one-way

ratchet, where you always ratchet them up but you don’t bring them back down even when the facts and the circumstances change.” Hartford is the latest in a growing number of cities and towns to repeal its mask mandate. The capital joins Stamford, West Hartford, Manchester, Glastonbury, South Windsor, Danbury, Fairfield and others. Hartford County is still classified as having “substantial” levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which recommends that residents

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ELECTION 2021

Dem win affirmed in West Haven

But GOP candidate has not conceded after mayoral race recount

By Daniela Altimari
Hartford Courant

Nancy Rossi, the Democratic mayor of West Haven, was affirmed the winner of last week’s election following a recount, but her Republican opponent is not ready to concede. “My campaign has concerns about the absentee ballot process,” said Barry Lee Cohen, the GOP nominee. “There have been many irregularities that have been identified and, in light of the ongoing scandals... we are looking at all the options.” The recount put 4,275 votes in Rossi’s column. Cohen received 4,234 votes, 29 fewer than Rossi. Nancy DiNardo, chairwoman of the Democratic Party in Connecticut, said she is not surprised that Rossi was reelected. “The numbers were solid on Election Night, and yesterday’s recount confirmed them,” DiNardo said. “What’s troubling is that her opponent would think the response to an election he lost isn’t to graciously concede, but to ask that his opponent resign. There’s a term for that: sore loser,” DiNardo said. The recount shifted three votes in Rossi’s favor, putting her up by a total of 32 votes, according to the voter registrar’s office. Ben Proto, chairman of the Connecticut Republican party, said there were “a number of irregularities” involving the absentee ballots. West Haven has been at the center of a federal inquiry into the use of COVID-19 relief funds. Former State Rep. Michael DiMassa and his business partner, John Bernardo, a West

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Paul Mondesire rides a LINK scooter around downtown Hartford on April 22. The company has announced it will limit top speeds for first-time riders in an effort to address the higher risk of injury and accident faced by inexperienced scooter operators. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

LINK scooters slashing top speed for first-timers

Rides will max out at 8 mph in Hartford amid rising popularity, safety concerns

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

In a company effort to increase safety as popularity grows, first-time riders of LINK scooters in Hartford will have their top speeds slashed nearly in half for the duration of their first ride, Superpedestrian, the company that owns LINK, said. The “Slow First Ride” program, which was first launched in Seattle in November 2020, aims to address the higher risk of injury and accident faced by inexperienced scooter operators. First-time riders will have their initial ride speed

max out at 8 mph, down from the usual 15, beginning Monday. “Safety is our focus every single day and we are constantly trying to develop new ways to protect our riders and everyone else on Hartford streets,” William Knapp, vice president of operations at Superpedestrian, said in a statement. “Slow First Ride will make sure our newest riders have an even safer way to try out LINK,” Knapp added. Scooter safety remains an issue for company engineers and city officials, especially now that the LINK fleet has grown from 100 in April to 500 in September. LINK

said over one-third of Hartford riders surveyed said they were using the scooter to replace a car trip, indicating a growing reliance on the lime-green vehicles for regular transportation. Hartford riders took nearly 1,000 rides per day during the summer and early fall, which officials said are closer to the numbers seen in major European cities than the capital city’s domestic counterparts. So far, the fleet is holding up well: only 15 of the 500 have been lost or decommissioned. But Hartford is still a relatively new scooter market. LINK remains

the city’s sole e-scooter provider, and first-time LINK riders locally are likely first-time e-scooter riders in general. A 2019 study that looked at e-scooter injuries in Austin, Texas, found one-third of injured riders interviewed suffered injury during their first ride (LINK was not operating in Austin at the time). The vast majority of cases of injury and accident on scooters are minor or go unreported, a company spokesperson said. Internal data on the increased risk faced by first-time riders wasn’t available.

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A ‘new age’ housing solution?

Empty office building in Avon could become affordable apartments

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Boston-based Beacon Communities is planning to convert a largely vacant Avon office building into 76 apartments and then construct another 100 units alongside it. The plan is to overhaul and modernize the nearly 50-year-old building in the Avon Park South office park that was once home to Security-Connecticut Life Insurance. Beacon would also construct a four-story building on the same parcel, and would call the

complex The Homes at Avon Park. It would have a mix of one- and two-bedroom apartments. The plan is to seek federal tax credits for affordable housing. Beacon projects that about 140 of the apartments will be priced for tenants making 30 to 80 percent of the average median household income for Greater Hartford; that would put monthly rents between \$500 and \$1,670. The remaining 36 apartments would be leased at market rates in the range of \$1,880 to \$2,100 monthly, according to Beacon. Beacon owns and manages more than 18,000 apartments in 12 states, including affordable housing, market rate housing, and mixed income-housing. Among its best-known developments in Connecticut is the

160-unit Montgomery Mill Apartments, a \$62 million renovation of a five-story former industrial building in Windsor Locks. About half of the apartments are considered affordably priced and the other half are market rate. “Beacon works with properties that have maybe outlived their initial purpose,” said Chuck Coursey, a consultant to the Avon project. “20 Security Drive is an old office building at a time when we’re starting to rethink office buildings in this new age.” Dara Kovel, Beacon’s chief executive officer, said the company would invest heavily in renovating the building, which has deteriorated over the decades.

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“20 Security Drive is an old office building at a time when we’re starting to rethink office buildings in this new age.” — Chuck Coursey, project consultant

Windsor Locks man confesses to hit-run

Told police he smoked crack shortly before fatal crash that killed UConn student, records show

By Zach Murdock
Hartford Courant

The Windsor Locks man charged in the fatal hit-and-run crash that killed a UConn student late last month in Suffield admitted to police last week that he had smoked crack cocaine while partying with his friends not long before the crash. Frederick Seymour, 58, turned himself in to police Friday morning — to the surprise of the detectives building a case against him — and confessed to running over 20-year-old Meghan Voisine the night of Oct. 23 before fleeing the scene as bystanders tried to help her, new court records reveal.

“I came in because I have been having trouble sleeping and I feel guilty about it and I want to do the right thing,” Seymour told police in a sworn written statement. Seymour was charged after the interview with evading responsibility in a crash that caused a death and driving with a suspended license. He was held in jail over the weekend and arraigned Monday in Superior Court in Hartford, where his bond was increased to \$800,000 and he remained in police custody. The deadly crash happened just after 10:30 p.m. Oct. 23 when Voisine, a junior at UConn, and two

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CONNECTICUT

3 staffers at Plymouth school on leave amid criminal probe

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

Three educators at a Plymouth elementary school, including the principal, have been placed on leave as the police investigate staff members there, officials said Monday.

Police Capt. Edward Benecchi confirmed the criminal investigation of staff members at Plymouth Center School, which he said has been going on since September. But he said he could not elaborate because the investigation continues.

Brian Falcone, acting superintendent of schools, said Monday

that three staff members at the school have been placed on leave, including the principal, who he said, “will be on leave until further notice.” He did not say the principal’s name, but it is listed online as Sherri Turner. A link connected to Turner’s name has been removed.

He did not identify the other staff members or say their positions, saying he could not release details because the actions are part of a “pending personnel matter.”

In a letter to parents, Falcone wrote, “As a school district, we can assure you that these measures are being taken in order to permit these personnel matters to be addressed appropriately and in

order to ensure that the education of our students can continue without disruption.”

“The interests of our students will always be our top priority and our actions will continue to be guided in their best interests,” Falcone said.

The school system Monday afternoon changed the name of the school’s climate specialist on the Plymouth Center School website from Turner to Phyllis Worhunsky.

According to the National School Climate Center, a positive “school climate” would allow people to feel “socially, emotionally and physically safe.”

Police: Teen critically injured in stabbing

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A teenager is in critical condition after being stabbed by a 28-year-old over the weekend in Torrington in what police said was an incident of family violence.

Police said they were called to Woodland Hills Apartments, 330 Highland Ave., about 1:50 p.m. for a person with a stab wound. When they arrived, they found the male

teen on the sidewalk in front of Building No. 9 with a slash or stab wound to the stomach.

Also at the scene was David Cruz, 28, who lives in the apartment complex. He was taken into custody and charged with first-degree assault, police said.

Cruz was in custody on \$500,000 bail early Monday and was scheduled to appear in court later in the day.

The teenager was taken to

Waterbury Hospital, where he went through a four-hour emergency surgery, police said. He remained in the Intensive Care Unit in critical condition Sunday night.

The teen was expected to be transferred to either Connecticut Children’s or Yale New Haven Hospital Monday, they said.

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Beacon Communities wants to convert a largely empty office building on Security Drive in Avon into apartments.
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Housing

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“It has some really lovely architectural features. We’re looking at reinvigorating it,” she said.

Beacon expects to lease to public employees like teachers and firefighters, along with employees from nearby companies including Cigna, ESPN, Jackson Labs, Stanley, Travelers, UConn Health, the retailers at Avon Village and elsewhere.

“Another large market is empty nesters and retirees — active seniors who want to downsize but want to keep a presence in Avon,” Coursey said. “Seniors want an

active, vibrant community.”

Beacon plans to improve the nearby walking trails and playground, and add gardens, an outdoor courtyard, a paved terrace, a basketball court and dog runs.

Beacon has done projects in Stamford, Wolcott, Southington, New Britain, Waterbury, Bridgeport and elsewhere. New Haven has the most properties in Beacon’s Connecticut portfolio, Kovel said.

Redeveloping the once-notorious Elm Haven public housing complex in the Dixwell neighborhood into the mixed-income Monterey Place has been one of its biggest projects in the state.

“Elm Haven was tragically

violent and crime-ridden. When we were done, people were knocking on the door asking how much the condos are,” Kovel said.

The 20 Security Drive building went through several office tenants in the 1990s and early 200s, and had been home to the Ana Grace Academy of the Arts from 2013 until this year. The school relocated to Bloomfield.

Beacon’s plan goes to a public hearing on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at town hall. If the company ultimately wins zoning approvals, it would probably seek financing through a round of tax credits offered in early 2023. Kovel estimated that a move-in date would be somewhere in 2026.

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friends crossed Route 159 near Thrall Avenue as they walked between parties that night, according to new police records released after Seymour’s court hearing Monday.

Voisine had dropped her phone and card carrier in the middle of the road as she ran across, her important financial and ID cards clattering across the roadway, and had stopped to try to gather them when a white Jeep Cherokee slammed into her, police records show. Voisine was dragged and thrown 65 feet before landing in the middle of the road as two vehicles traveling the opposite direction stopped.

A tractor trailer driver dialed 911 and the occupants of another car tried to perform CPR, but a Suffield paramedic arrived and pronounced Voisine dead, records show.

While the good Samaritans aided Voisine, they witnessed a man pacing the side of the road near the crash and heard him say, “[expletive] me, I hit her,” before disappearing from the scene, the witnesses told investigators.

Suffield police posted a plea for information about the crash on their Facebook page the next morning and a man who had lent his white Jeep Cherokee to a friend the night before, only to discover it heavily damaged in the daylight that morning, called police to report he believed his car had been involved, records show.

“They saw the post and they called,” Suffield police Chief Richard Brown said Friday. “They did the right thing. They did the responsible thing. There are some good people left in the world.”

That information led investigators to the woman who was with Seymour in the car at the time of the crash, confirmed by video from a nearby gas station, records show.

The woman told police she had been drunk at the time and that Seymour had picked her up to bring her back to his party with his friends, but instead they drove north up Route 159 and hit something hard in the road, she told police.

She remembered Seymour saying he had hit a girl in the roadway but claims he told her the girl was fine, sitting up and being tended to by other people so they left, records show.

Detectives were preparing to bring charges against Seymour late last week when he turned up at the police station just before 7 a.m. Friday and told officers he wanted to speak to them about the crash.

That day he had been hanging

out with the owner of the white Jeep and another friend, watching college football and playing cards, he told police. Seymour’s girlfriend wanted to come over, but both she and the two friends Seymour was with all had been drinking alcohol, so Seymour asked to borrow his friend’s Jeep.

“At some point while we were hanging out, I smoked some crack cocaine in front of the other two,” Seymour said.

Seymour described to investigators hitting something in the road on Route 190, realizing it was a girl and pulling over to check the scene, records show. He said his girlfriend had gotten into the driver’s seat of the stopped Jeep and offered to tell authorities she had been driving, because she knows he has a suspended license, but he refused and beckoned her back to the passenger seat before driving away.

“At this time I thought that the girl was alive, that she was being taken care of and I started to panic,” Seymour said in his sworn statement.

Seymour “basically played dumb” when his friend called to ask about the damage to his Jeep the next morning and he learned the following the day that the girl had died, he told police. He finally came forward to police almost three weeks later because he felt guilty and wanted “to do the right thing,” he said.

Seymour has several previous arrests on drug charges, driving with a suspended license and failure to appear in court, police records show. His license has been suspended since December 2018, but he has been arrested for driving anyway twice since then and on Sept. 14 was sentenced to a six-month suspended sentence for driving with a suspended license.

A public defender was appointed to represent Seymour on Monday and he remained in custody after his hearing.

A Suffield native, Voisine was remembered by family and friends for her “infectious personality, fun-loving spirit and a kindness that she shared with all,” according to her obituary.

Voisine graduated from Suffield High School in 2019 and transferred to UConn in the fall of 2020 from Seton Hall University. She was a junior studying marketing and a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and the Women in Business student organization.

“She was a bright comet that streaked through our lives, and one that was extinguished way too early,” her obituary read.

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Election

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Haven city employee, have both been arrested.

Court documents filed in the case said they created a consulting company in January that has been used since to steal more than \$600,000 by billing the city for nonexistent pandemic consulting services. DiMassa is accused of spending tens of thou-

sands of dollars of the money gambling at the Mohegan Sun casino.

Cohen said earlier in the weekend that Rossi should resign if she wins. He contends she bears responsibility for alleged improprieties in how the COVID-19 relief funds were spent in the city. Rossi countered that she didn’t authorize the misspent money, but instead is the one who made the matter public after she found discrepancies.

Masks

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still wear masks in public, indoor settings regardless of vaccination status.

The end of the Hartford mask mandate does not affect city schools, in which masks are still required under Gov. Ned Lamont’s statewide mandate. That mandate still requires unvaccinated individuals to wear masks indoors, and empowers businesses to require masks indoors if they choose.

“Speaking personally, I will probably keep my mask on a lot of the time if I’m indoors, particularly if I’m indoors and around folks that I don’t know or in crowded public places,” Bronin said. “But I think it’s important that as a community, we respond to the data and the trends in both directions.”

At this time last year, Hartford County was about halfway into the “second wave” of COVID, thought to be brought on by cold weather and an increase in indoor gatherings near the holidays.

Bronin forecasted future press conferences to talk about guidance heading into this holiday season, but stressed that vaccinations remain the best way to protect oneself and others.

“The most important way you can be careful today is to get your vaccines,” the mayor said. “Get fully protected, and then if you can, get your booster shot.”



In an effort to increase rider safety, first-time LINK riders will have their top speeds reduced from 15 mph to 8 mph for the duration of their first ride, starting this week. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

“Safety is our focus every single day and we are constantly trying to develop new ways to protect our riders and everyone else on Hartford streets. Slow First Ride will make sure our newest riders have an even safer way to try out LINK.”

— William Knapp, vice president of operations at Superpedestrian

Scooters

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According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, e-scooters resulted in an estimated 50,000 emergency department visits and at least 27 fatalities nationally between 2017 and 2019.

And for all micromobility products, including e-bikes and hoverboards, emergency room visits from injuries increased 70% from 2017 to 2020. E-scooters were most responsible for the jump, according to the commission’s data.

Of the injured riders interviewed in the Austin study, nearly half suffered injuries to the head. LINK reminds users to always wear a helmet through the mobile app, and has partnered with Bern, a helmet company, to offer discounted head gear to LINK users. The city of Hartford distributed some free helmets in October.

But enforcement is difficult, and LINK users aren’t required by state law to wear a helmet. E-scooter riders must follow the same laws as cyclists, which means wearing a helmet if one is younger than 16, but LINK company policy requires riders to be at least 18.

The safety of LINK scooters drew debate over the summer when multiple riders, who

appeared to be juveniles, were seen using them on I-84 near downtown Hartford.

The company acted swiftly to update its Hartford geofence, or internal map, which enforces slow-zones and no-ride zones. Now the scooters will automatically stop if a rider tries to take them onto a highway ramp.

Superpedestrian is also working on larger safety improvements through a new active safety system, which the company calls “Pedestrian Defense.”

The company said the system will be able to detect and correct a variety of unsafe behaviors, including erratic driving, going the wrong way down a one-way street or driving the scooters on sidewalks. The technology will be installed in all new scooters built after December.

The data collected on the new scooters will be available to Hartford officials, and Superpedestrian hopes it can be used to inform traffic and safety decisions.

“The data from our cutting-edge systems can be used to give policymakers real insight into what’s happening on their streets, including where to target changes to street design to make everyone on the road safer,” said Paul White, senior director for public affairs at Superpedestrian.

All the data will be “aggregated and anonymized to protect privacy,” according to White.

CONNECTICUT

Flatbread Co. closes in South Windsor

Amid Evergreen Walk renovations, high costs, staffing shortages cited

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

The Flatbread Company in South Windsor has closed permanently as development moves forward at the Promenade Shops at Evergreen Walk, the store's owner announced Monday on the restaurant's Facebook Page.

"We wish we could have given everyone more notice, but time and circumstance didn't allow us to do so," the owner, Neil Sharp, wrote in the letter. "With all the legal maneuvering, negotiations, and confidentiality agreements involved with big deals like Evergreen Walk, time was a luxury we just didn't have."

Sharp wrote in the letter that he had planned to move the restaurant elsewhere in the outdoor shopping mall, but it didn't work out.

"We really wanted to make it work. We had months of drawings and quotes, but the cost of construction, materials, staffing shortages, and multiple other factors made moving an infeasible venture," Sharp wrote. "We agreed to give the current space back to the landlord as they have some serious redevelopment going on."

In June, the town of South Windsor approved a general plan to build a 50,000-square-foot Whole Foods at Evergreen Walk, at the location where Old Navy and Sakura Garden Japanese Steak House were before.

The Evergreen Walk area has undergone a lot of redevelopment lately. A 163,000-square-foot Costco is scheduled to open on Nov. 16 at 1220 Tamarack Ave. An Aldi opened recently at 200 Gateway Boulevard.

Reached by phone, Sharp said his company "is going to sit by and let the pandemic pass and let things get back to normal. Right now, things are astronomically expensive and not worth the investment."

The location did well through the pandemic, Sharp said, but the redevelopment was too big a challenge. "We didn't go bankrupt or belly up. We love the spot. But the redevelopment is going to be huge and it's going to be a year and a half before that comes to fruition," he said.

Anyone with an American Flatbread/Flatbread Company gift card, voucher or coupon can use it at the location at 110 Albany Turnpike in Canton. Gift cards — but not Connecticut-specific vouchers or coupons — also can be used at the locations in Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont and Texas listed on americanflatbread.com.

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The Flatbread Company in South Windsor has closed to make way for development at Evergreen Walk. COURANT FILE PHOTO

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Weekly positivity rises to 2.14%

Rate now as high as early October, while statewide hospitalizations again top 200

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

Following a week of uneven COVID-19 metrics, Connecticut's weekly test positivity rate and number of hospitalizations increased notably Monday.

Connecticut's weekly test positivity rate is now as high as it was in early October, and the number of hospitalizations throughout the state has again surpassed 200.

Experts say it remains unclear whether the state will see a spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations toward the end of the year, as a result of holiday gatherings and colder weather pushing people indoors.

Cases and positivity rate: Connecticut reported 941 new COVID-19 cases over the weekend, out of 36,557 tests administered, for a daily test positivity rate of 2.57%. The state's weekly COVID-19 positivity rate now stands at 2.14%, the highest it has been since the first week in October.

As of Monday, Windham County continued to record "high" levels of



Sobrina Laurent inoculates Indiana Chang, 5, with a first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 to 12 years old on Monday in the East Village neighborhood of New York. MARY ALTAFFER/AP

COVID-19 transmission as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, and Tolland Counties had "substantial" levels of transmission, while Fairfield had only "moderate" transmission, meaning that

residents there are not advised to wear masks indoors.

Hospitalizations: Connecticut reported 207 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 over the weekend, an increase of 10 individuals since Friday.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

Deaths: Connecticut reports new COVID-19 deaths once a week, on Thursdays. Last week, the state reported 25 additional COVID-19 deaths over the past week, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,776. The United States has now recorded 754,961 deaths related to COVID-19, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.

Vaccinations: As of Monday, 79.9% of all Connecticut residents and 91.6% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 71.1% of all residents and 81.6% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC. Additionally, 13.7% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents have received a booster dose.

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At Glastonbury's Tapas to Go, it's all in the family

Owner serving up Greek menu from father's Bloomfield restaurant — with a takeout twist

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Zach Vetter, the son of Tapas restaurant co-founder Ted Vetter, has brought his family's beloved flavors east of the river. Tapas to Go, a takeout-only satellite of the longtime Greek restaurant in Bloomfield, opened Nov. 1 in a little yellow storefront at 225 Hebron Ave. in Glastonbury.

Vetter joins other restaurateurs in the Hartford area who are opening to-go-focused outposts of their well-established restaurants. Others that have opened in recent months are Shu Express in Avon, Russell grab-and-go in Hartford and Toro Mexican Street Food in West Hartford.

The move is a natural for Vetter. He began helping at his father's restaurant at age 11, washing dishes. By age 18, he was cooking. Over the years, he considered other careers. But when he wasn't performing with his friends in the Michael Cleary Band, his heart kept returning to Tapas.

The pandemic has been rough, he said. "I chose two professions, music and restaurants, and COVID put the kibosh on both of them," said Vetter, who lives in Marlborough with his wife and two kids. "Seeing how fast they can shut down a restaurant that's been there for 34 years is a little scary."

When opening his own place, he decided takeout was the way to go. "It made sense to try this venture, to do what I do best, not worry about a bar, patios, staffing, overhead," Vetter said. "The times have changed. With the current climate, this just feels right."

Aided in the kitchen by chef Chip Cutting, who worked at Tapas' West Hartford location until it closed in 2018, Vetter whips up the creations that

endeared diners to Tapas since 1986. "We're using the whole Bloomfield menu," Vetter said. "We already know how to do everything."

The signature flatbreads include "The Four Tapa" with seafood and ricotta; a Cajun with chicken and ricotta; a Greek with gyro, tomato and feta; a "Baby Moon" with portobello mushrooms, tomato, basil and mozzarella; the Basque, with herb sausage, brie and sun-dried tomatoes, three-cheese and veggie.

Platters, which are served over rice with a salad, feature muffedetta, chicken in fillo, spanakopita, a vegetarian burrito, marinated kebabs, salmon, seafood and the Greek Sampler, which has a chicken kebab, a lamb patty and tzatziki.

Appetizers include a hummus platter, Greek nachos, mini spanakopitas, garlic shrimp, crab cakes, falafel and stuffed grape leaves. The restaurant also offers soup, salad and sandwiches.

In the first three days of opening, the shop was filled with fans of Tapas. "Everyone has a Tapas story. Someone said, 'Our first date was at Tapas.' Someone else talked about loving going to the place downtown. When they eat the food, it reminds them of years ago," Vetter said. "The key to our flavor is the salad dressing. My father came up with the recipe when he was in culinary school in New Haven."

The restaurant sells bottles of that signature dressing along with the food. The 1,800-square-foot location, only 360 square feet of which is customer space, is still evolving. Vetter plans to install some décor and some seating for people to wait for their food. One element he already has up: Hanging in the window is the original



TOP: Zach Vetter owns Tapas to Go, a takeout-only restaurant in Glastonbury and a satellite location of Tapas, the longtime restaurant in Bloomfield, which was co-founded by Vetter's father. **BOTTOM:** The Greek Sampler at Tapas to Go has a chicken kabob, two slices of grilled gyro, a lamb patty over rice pilaf, tzatziki, tomato-onion relish, pita and a Greek salad. SUSAN DUNNE PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

round blue neon "Tapas" sign from when the restaurant opened.

Tapas, co-founded in 1986 by Ted Vetter and Fred Dressler, started in the Elmwood neighborhood of West Hartford. The Bloomfield location opened in 2007. A Tapas on Ann in Hartford closed in 1999 and West Hartford

closed in 2018. For a very brief period in the late '80s, Tapas had a satellite in Vernon.

"We've been looking to open in Glastonbury for about 20 years. The time was right," he said.

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Mark Twain House announces winner of \$25K American Voice in Literature prize

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The Mark Twain House & Museum has awarded its 2021 American Voice in Literature award to "The Only Good Indians" by Stephen Graham Jones.

The \$25,000 award is given to a "work of fiction, published in the previous calendar year, that best exemplifies or expresses a uniquely American voice, much in the way that Twain's 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' does," according to the Twain House website.

The winner was announced during the Twain House's 2021 virtual gala on Thursday night.

The award will be presented to Stephen Graham Jones by David Baldacci, the bestselling novelist who is also a Mark Twain House

trustee, as part of a free public in-person event at the Twain House, on Farmington Avenue, on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. Signed copies of "The Only Good Indians" will be available for purchase at the event. Though admission is free, registration is required. Details are at marktwainhouse.org.

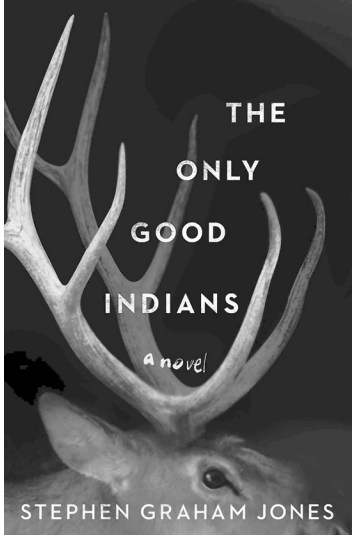
"The Only Good Indians" is described by its publisher, Simon & Schuster, as "equal parts psychological horror and cutting social commentary on identity politics and the American Indian experience." The book's title comes from a virulently anti-Native American sentiment expressed by Teddy Roosevelt in a 1886 speech: "I don't go so far as to think that the only good Indians are the dead Indians, but I believe nine out of every 10 are. And I shouldn't like to inquire too

closely into the case of the tenth."

The other finalists for this year's prize were "Deacon King Kong" by James McBride, "Sea Wife" by Amity Gaige and "The Vanishing Half: A Novel" by Brit Bennett.

The judges were local playwright Jacques Lamarre (who does publicity work for the Twain House), former Hartford Courant writer/editor Donna Larcen (who has worked for the Twain House since 2018, currently as a marketing specialist) and Olivia White of The Amistad Center for Art & Culture.

Thursday's gala featured best-selling authors including David Baldacci, Kevin Kwan, Azar Nafisi, Brad Meltzer, Nelson DeMille and others, as well as entertainers Jill Sobule, Larry Wilmore and Roy Wood Jr., in prerecorded segments talking



about Mark Twain's love for travel and sharing some of their own travel adventures. The gala was livestreamed but the recorded version is still viewable at marktwainhousegala.org.

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IN BRIEF

Andrea's restaurant in Hartford closes

Andrea's, a Puerto Rican eatery that has been at 371 Franklin Ave. in Hartford for 13 years, has closed, its owners announced on Facebook.

"It is with a sad heart that after 13 yrs in business we have decided to close down Andrea's Restaurant. A hard decision to make — but due to staffing issues, life changes and current economy — a necessary one," the Facebook post read. "We would like to thank everyone who supported us throughout the years. Many many many friendships were made, strangers that became regulars and then became like family, we will miss all of you!"

"Who knows what the future holds, we may rise again in a different location under different circumstances with the same amazing long islands and jibaro rice on Fridays," the post concluded.

— Susan Dunne

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Salma Hayek leads ‘Eternals’ heroes with love

Actor’s perspective as mother added to character’s qualities

By Tracy Brown
Los Angeles Times

When Salma Hayek first learned that Marvel Studios wanted to cast her in a movie, she figured it was to play somebody’s mother. But that’s not quite how it played out.

Instead, when she met with director Chloe Zhao and producer Nate Moore, they asked her to play Ajak, the leader of a group of immortal extraterrestrial beings sent to Earth to protect humans from a specific alien threat.

“I was very surprised,” said Hayek. “A superhero? Me? It was so confusing ... I couldn’t understand how I got there. It’s like all your dreams coming true.”

Introducing a whole new class of heroes into the Marvel Cinematic Universe, “Eternals,” now in theaters, tells a story spanning thousands of years. Based on the comic books by Jack Kirby, these powerful Eternals — each boasting unique special abilities — have been tasked by cosmic beings known as the Celestials to watch over humanity, intervening only to protect them from alien creatures called Deviants.

“(Ajak’s) superpowers are healing,” Hayek said. “I heal, and I also talk to the Celestials. It’s the perfect thing for a leader, (because) I think all leaders should have the spirit of a healer.”

In the film’s present day, the Eternals have disbanded. Believing they had neutralized the threat of the Deviants, a number of them are living their own lives among humans. But when it becomes clear that their longtime foes have returned, it’s time for



Salma Hayek in “Eternals.” The actor portrays Ajak, the leader of a group of immortal extraterrestrial beings. MARVEL STUDIOS

a family reunion.

According to Zhao — the Academy Award-winning “Nomadland” director who is also a writer on “Eternals” along with Patrick Burleigh, Ryan Firpo and Kaz Firpo — Ajak is “someone who has lived millions of years ... just doing the impossible, over and over and over ... yet still is capable of recognizing love, and recognizing her own mistakes, and able to make (difficult) decisions” for her team.

The role required “a woman with the heart the size of the ocean,” said Zhao. “Salma has lived such an extraordinary life, and yet she’s still so open and so loving as very much a mother figure. ... She was perfect.”

Hayek, who was a fan of Zhao’s previous work including “Songs My Brothers Taught Me” and “The Rider,” said it was humbling to be approached for such a role.

“Sometimes what moves you really hard are the things you least expect,” said Hayek. “If you reject me, and you tell me, ‘You’re no good,’ I’m not gonna cry. But in this moment, where I felt seen and accepted, immediately it made me feel something and it made me want to cry — but I didn’t, I held it in.”

“They came and got me,” Hayek added. “In my 50s. Arab-Mexican. (A) curvy woman. ... Not your typical superhero. Especially not one that was male” in comic books.

Arriving on the heels of films such as 2018’s “Black

Panther” and September’s “Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings,” “Eternals” has been lauded as one of the most inclusive MCU movies to date. Beyond the diversity of its cast, the film boasts multiple representational milestones for the long-running superhero franchise.

In addition to Hayek being one of the few Latina actors to portray a Marvel superhero and Ajak being one of the few women leading a superhero team, “Eternals” features the MCU’s first deaf superhero, Makkari (Lauren Ridloff), as well as the franchise’s first married, gay superhero, Phastos (Brian Tyree Henry).

Zhao has previously mentioned that seeing the diversity that was already

written into the treatment was one of the reasons she was drawn to the project. According to Hayek, the film’s diversity also reflects Zhao’s “taste in people” and that the director “just wanted who she wanted because of personal characteristics more than anything else.”

“(The film) is diverse but it was not, like, people just trying to be politically correct,” said Hayek. “It was organic to her. It was important to her but it was organic.”

For Ajak, Zhao was pleased Hayek brought her experiences and perspectives as a mother to add qualities to the character that were not necessarily on the pages of the script.

“She was able to bring a personality to Ajak that’s so

relatable,” said Zhao. “She came in and said, ‘Look, a mother lectures her children,’ ‘a mother is going to this-and-that.’ I’m not a mother, she is. She brought a lot of personality to Ajak so we can see her, not just as this holy mother that was on the page ... (but as) a slightly flawed human being, and that’s what I need from my cast.”

Hayek recognized Ajak is not quite the typical leader depicted or celebrated in superhero blockbusters. In addition to being the mother figure for the Eternals, Ajak is not one of the team’s mightiest fighters.

“It was very interesting to play a different kind of leader, one that I took a lot from motherhood,” said Hayek. As a leader and a mother, “You have to guide (and) you cannot do it without love. You understand that the best way to do it is through love. And you have to let them be. Chloe said my character has to make really difficult, impossible decisions. And mothers are many times confronted with that.”

Leading with love, according to Zhao, is one of the big messages in this film of cosmic scale.

“Love is the one thing the Celestials didn’t necessarily predict could be so powerful, even though they’re the most advanced beings in the worlds,” said Zhao. “Ajak is, in the end, a mother. It was her children — their strengths, their weaknesses, their heroic moments, their tragedies — that made her realize something about this planet is different. Because her children, even as perfect as they used to be, they’re messed up. That actually made her realize these flaws in humanity are actually their strengths as well.”

CELEBRITIES

Scott drops out of upcoming festival

From news services

Rapper Travis Scott has reportedly canceled his upcoming gig at Day N Vegas Festival after eight people were killed at his Astroworld show Friday.

Scott was scheduled to headline the festival Saturday at the Las Vegas Festival Grounds, but is “too distraught to play,” sources said Monday.

Like Astroworld, Day N Vegas is general admission, leaving fans to fight their way to better views.

Scott has spoken publicly twice since Friday’s show, saying he was “absolutely devastated” by the eight deaths.

“Any time I can make out anything that’s going on, I’d stop the show and help them get the help they need, you know?” the rapper said in an Instagram video Saturday. “I could never imagine this situation.”

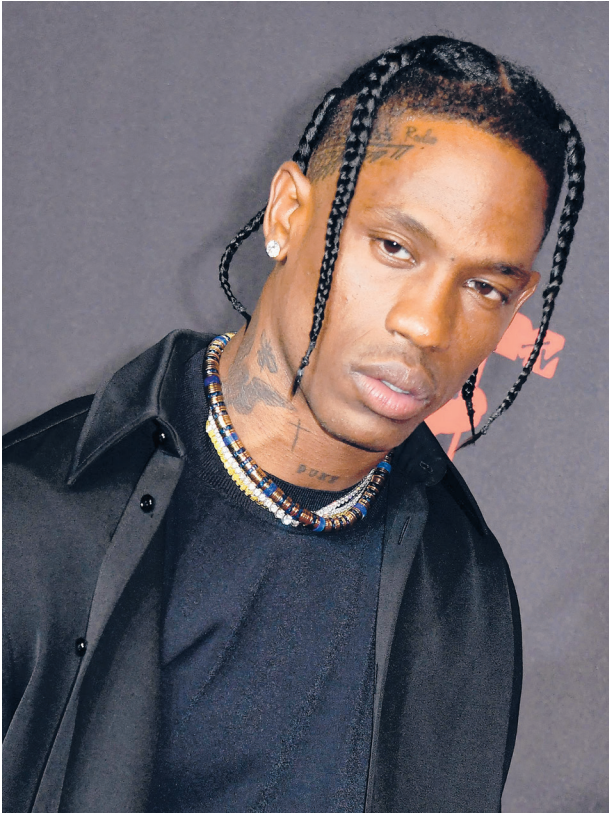
At least three lawsuits have been filed against Scott so far, alleging negligence as he continued performing despite the deadly chaos growing on the ground below.

The rapper, 30, plans to refund tickets for everyone who attended Astroworld.

Thompson to host People’s Choice Awards: Comedian Kenan Thompson will host the 2021 People’s Choice Awards, which celebrates 40 different categories across movies, television, music, and pop culture, NBC announced Monday.

“I can’t believe I get to host the PCAs!! I’m beyond blessed to be nominated twice and part of two more nominations for ‘SNL,’” Thompson, 43, said in a statement. Also starring in “Kenan,” he is nominated for male TV star of the year and comedy TV star of the year in his 19th year at “Saturday Night Live.”

Justin Bieber leads all nominees with 10 nods. In



Travis Scott, who is seen Sept. 12, is “too distraught to play” at a festival Saturday, sources say. ANGELA WEISS/GETTY-AFP

the music categories, Lil Nas X racked up six nominations, and Olivia Rodrigo and Doja Cat each landed five. Other nominees include Dwayne Johnson, “This Is Us,” Simone Biles, and Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex.

The People’s Choice Awards will air Dec. 7 on NBC and E!

‘Eternals’ opens with \$71M: Marvel’s “Eternals” arrived in theaters with about \$71 million in ticket sales over the weekend, according to studio estimates.

By most box-office standards, the opening was enviable. Only three films have debuted better during the pandemic: “Black Widow” (\$80.3 million), “Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings” (\$75.3 million) and “Venom: Let There Be Carnage” (\$90 million). But for Marvel’s block-

buster machine, the “Eternals” launch in some ways constituted a bump in the road in an unparalleled 26-film streak.

The film is the first in the Marvel “cinematic universe” to rank “rotten” in Rotten Tomatoes’ aggregate critic score, with only 47% of reviews considered positive. Audiences also gave it a lower grade — a “B” CinemaScore — than any previous MCU entry.

The weekend’s other major new release was “Spencer,” starring Kristen Stewart as Princess Diana, which grossed \$2.1 million.

Nov. 9 birthdays: Actor Robert David Hall is 74. Actor Lou Ferrigno is 70. Singer Donnie McClurkin is 62. Drummer Dee Plakas is 61. Rapper Scarface is 51. Musician Susan Tedeschi is 51. Actor Eric Dane is 49. Singer Nick Lachey is 48. Singer Sisqo is 43. Actor Emily Tyra is 34. Actor Nikki Blonsky is 33.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Family struggles with extremes over holidays

Dear Amy: In our nine-member family, we have two people at extremes: One is a staunch anti-masker and anti-vaxxer. The other is paranoid in her efforts to be safe.

All family members (except the anti’s three) have been vaccinated.

We traditionally have family gatherings at our home for most holidays.

The anti-vaxxer will usually scoff at any virus protection shown by anyone when there is a gathering.

The paranoid one refuses to come in our house if the anti has been there in the previous 24 hours. Reasoning with either of the two extremes has been fruitless.

My wife and I are currently considering splitting the gatherings.

This is very sad and means diluting the festivities we enjoy so much.

We are hoping you may have some suggestions.

— Stuck

Dear Stuck: As lonely as last year’s holiday season was, I have a feeling that many will look back on the weird and isolated winter holiday season of 2020 with a certain nostalgia: Eating dinner off disinfectant TV trays and watching “A Christmas Story” after the family Zoom meal might hold a certain appeal, certainly when you compare it to the complication of entertaining extremists.

You have two groups of family members representing pandemic polar opposites, but they have something important in common: Neither seems to be applying common sense to this challenge.

You have taken this on as a problem you hope to solve. You’ve done your own risk assessment and obviously don’t believe that having unvaccinated people in your home presents a risk to you and yours.

I think you should host your holiday meal (if you still want to) and let the usual parties know the time and place. Let them decide whether to attend.

If your more risk-averse relative doesn’t feel safe in your home and is only willing to see vaccinated family members, then could she host her own gathering on another day in an atmosphere where she feels safe?

You might let all of your family members know ahead of time that if anyone chooses to degrade other family members or engage in rude or anti-social behavior, you may ask them to leave.

Dear Amy: My mother recently passed away unexpectedly, and I have to clean out her condo.

My problem is that there are so many things that have such strong memories for me. I’m overwhelmed about what to do with all of it.

I live in a small one-bedroom apartment, so honestly, I would be cramming stuff in.

I feel guilty if I just call someone in to sell it all off.

The memories these things bring up really make this hard. Can you help?

— Overwhelmed

Dear Overwhelmed: This sad task would be made much easier for you if you had even one person who would do it with you.

It is important that you feel supported; you also deserve to have a compassionate witness to your memories. If you can’t find a friend to help, you should call in a professional.

People who do this sort of elder “clean out” for a living often understand the complicated emotions that are brought up. Call your local Office on Aging for a referral.

This task will be made easier if you break it down into smaller categories. Start with the kitchen, and have four open boxes: Keep, Donate, Unsure, Trash. Make sure to photograph items. These photos will help to keep your memories fresh, for a time in the future when you’re ready to revisit them.

If you are paralyzed, you might want to rent a small storage unit to house items until you are ready.

Dear Amy: “Exasperated” shared an experience I’ve been through — the frustration of her husband entering the room and insisting that she immediately stop texting or answering an email.

In addition to your advice, you asked Exasperated to take a look at her own behavior.

I did this recently and realized that my phone had completely infiltrated my family time.

— Working on Unplugging

Dear Working: A lot of us need to work on unplugging.

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‘Yellowstone’ leading the charge at Paramount+

6 new shows from creator could boost streamer's growth

By Ryan Faughnder
Los Angeles Times

As Viacom Inc. and CBS Corp. were recombining in 2019, Chris McCarthy faced a key decision: What to do about “Yellowstone”?

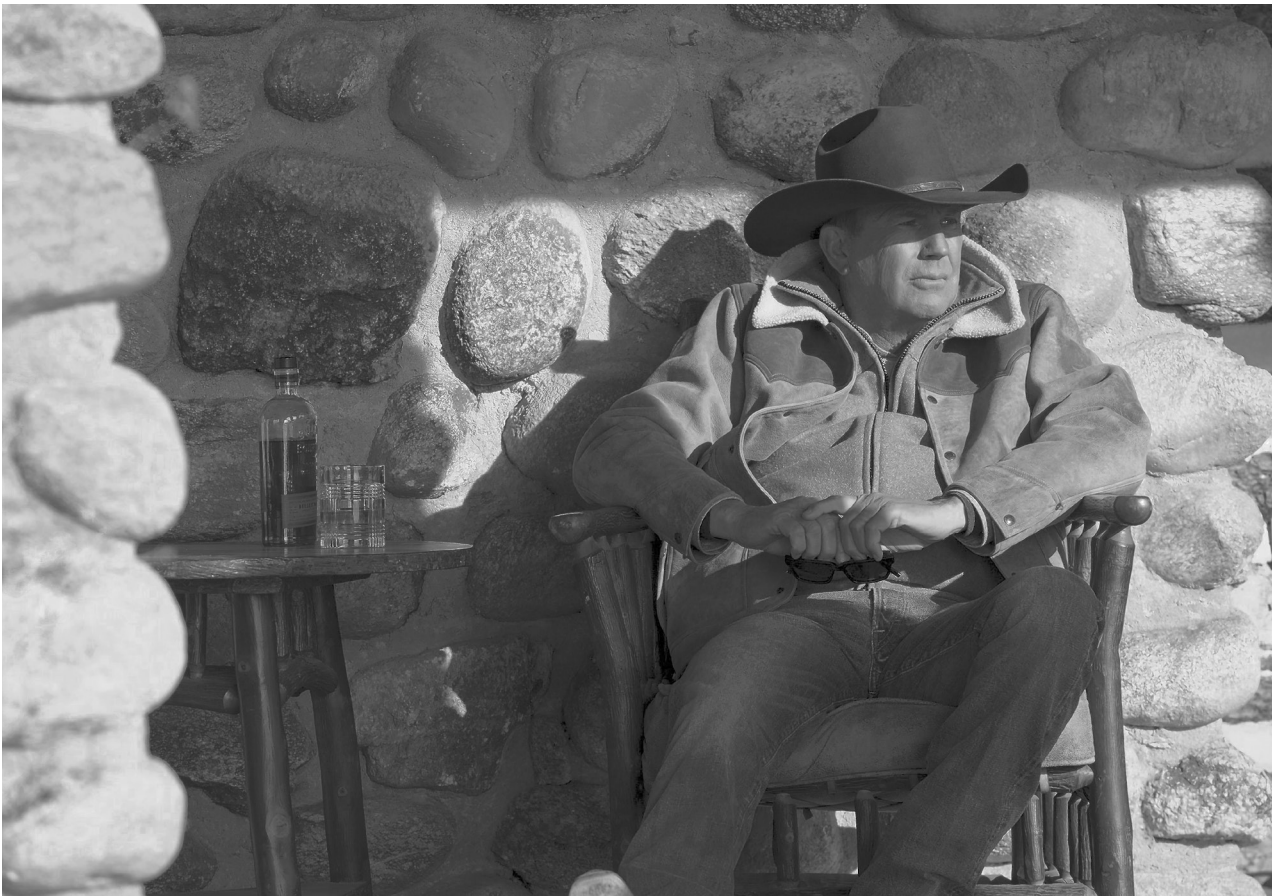
After leading VH1 and MTV, the Viacom television executive had recently added “Yellowstone’s” cable TV home, Paramount Network, to his portfolio, along with Comedy Central.

The neo-Western drama, starring Kevin Costner as powerful Montana ranch owner John Dutton, was popular but expensive to produce. Basic cable was abandoning scripted drama in favor of cheaper reality shows. What’s more, the streaming rights were committed to a rival, Comcast Corp.’s Peacock, presenting a problem for ViacomCBS’ own nascent streaming ambitions.

Instead of cutting the show, McCarthy came up with a plan to expand “Yellowstone” and deepen ties with its creator and director, Taylor Sheridan. The result was a deal for Sheridan to create six shows — including three “Yellowstone”-related programs — exclusively for Paramount+.

“We decided to take the harder path,” said McCarthy, president and chief executive of MTV Entertainment Group. “It would certainly be challenging, but the reward would be exceptional.”

The strategy faces a major test Nov. 14 with the premiere of Sheridan’s new show, “Mayor of Kingstown,” a Michigan-set drama about the business of incarceration, starring Jeremy Renner, Dianne Wiest and Kyle Chandler. In December, Paramount+ will stream the



Kevin Costner in “Yellowstone.” Three shows related to the series are set for Paramount+. CAM MCLEOD/PARAMOUNT NETWORK

first “Yellowstone” spinoff, “1883,” a prequel starring Sam Elliott and country music stars Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.

Both series will kick off by running their first two episodes on Paramount Network after episodes of “Yellowstone.” After two episodes, the shows will move exclusively to Paramount+.

Upcoming projects in the Sheridan oeuvre include another “Yellowstone” spinoff, “6666,” plus “Land Man,” a series about the West Texas oil boom and bust, inspired by a Texas Monthly article.

The strategy is risky. With their big-name stars and epic vistas, Sheridan’s productions are pricier than the typical basic-cable series. His shows cost an average of \$6 million to \$8 million per episode to make, according to people familiar with the series’

finances.

The first season of “1883,” which was launched quickly and with additional costs to prevent COVID-19 outbreaks, was nearly twice as expensive. “1883,” an Old West origin story for the Dutton family, is filmed mostly in Texas, where the crew re-created 19th century Dallas-Fort Worth. Sheridan also is shooting in Montana, an hour outside the nearest town, he said.

“My sincere hope is that I deliver,” said Sheridan, who earned an Oscar nomination for writing the contemporary western “Hell or High Water.” “I do feel that the model Chris is building is the future. Since I’m the test dummy for it, I hope I survive the crash, so to speak, and deliver something worthy of the gamble.”

If the wager works, it could boost subscribers for Paramount+, which

needs brand-name shows to compete with the likes of Netflix, HBO Max, Hulu and Disney+.

ViacomCBS’ efforts have been hobbled by deals such as the one to license “Yellowstone” to Peacock. That deal was signed in September 2019, after Viacom and CBS agreed to merge but before the transaction closed and plans for Paramount+ took shape. It had a similar problem with “South Park,” which is licensed to HBO Max for streaming.

To alleviate that issue, McCarthy signed “South Park” creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker to a deal for two movies a year through 2027 for Paramount+ that are based on the beloved, foul-mouthed animated show. The “South Park” pact, which includes additional seasons of the Comedy Central staple, is valued at \$900 million.

“He believes in franchises,” ViacomCBS Chief Executive Bob Bakish said of McCarthy. “We have some franchises that were, call it ‘encumbered,’ in streaming. But he didn’t say, ‘Screw it. We won’t do anything with those.’ He figured out a path.”

The growing audience for “Yellowstone” gave executives confidence. Plus, the series reaches demographics that were underserved by prestigious dramas that are popular in Los Angeles and New York. The show is popular in cities in the South and Midwest, including Dallas, Denver and Kansas City, and over-indexes in smaller counties.

While “Mayor of Kingstown” and the upcoming oil-industry drama are not directly related to “Yellowstone,” Sheridan’s shows tend to explore similar themes, which are

universal but also relevant to specific regions of the country. Those often include the gentrification of the American West and the failure of institutions, whether it’s the oil industry, local government or the penal system.

“What we’re doing is serving audiences that are really starving for content,” McCarthy said. “We are in the business of driving massive commercial hits. We can’t survive on just the coasts.”

The franchise’s growth was partly the result of a period of creative productivity during the COVID-19 pandemic for Sheridan. In four months, he said, he turned in a slew of scripts for the overall deal he signed with ViacomCBS in 2020. The company wanted more.

“I think they saw an opportunity to build a bigger world, at the same time people had a lot of time to sort of reassess, and they decided to really double down on Paramount+ and the kind of content I make,” Sheridan said. “And so I talked to Chris about a lot of ambitious ideas, and he bet on them.”

McCarthy was sold on the idea of an expanded “Yellowstone”-related franchise after hearing Sheridan explain his ideas, including the one for “1883,” which he saw as a grand-scale expansion on the world and themes established by the original series. While Sheridan’s work is steeped in classic Western drama, his films and shows complicate the traditional good guy-versus-bad guy narratives of the genre.

“This was a conversation he was already having with himself,” McCarthy said. “When you listen to him tell a story, it’s like telling the story of America gone West, the fight for the last frontier.... The question is, how big can we get it?”

TV Q&A

Why did Szostak’s status on ‘Million Little Things’ change?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service

Q: Why was the character Delilah on “A Million Little Things” written off?

A: Here’s an explanation from TVLine about the status of Delilah, played by Stephanie Szostak: “Series creator/executive producer DJ Nash confirms to TVLine that Stephanie Szostak, who has been a series regular since Season 1, will be a recurring guest star in Season 4. The change, he explains, comes as a result of Canada’s mandatory 14-day quarantine for travelers entering the country. (‘A Million Little Things’ shoots in Vancouver, British Columbia. Szostak lives in Connecticut.)” That led first to her being written out of most of the third season, the TVLine report said. When it came time to start the fourth season, Szostak asked not to be in all the episodes so she could be with her family more in Connecticut, and her status and storyline changed.

Q: I am a fan of the Paramount Network series “Yellowstone.” I have cut out cable, but I stream Paramount+. I am afraid the new season of “Yellowstone” will not be on Paramount+.

A: Streaming rights to TV shows can be unpredictable, and “Yellowstone” is one such case. While the fourth season of the series is on Paramount Network, the streaming rights belong to Peacock, the NBC-backed streamer. Peacock has the first three seasons of the Kevin Costner drama and the rights to the fourth. But it apparently will not start carrying the fourth season until it has completed airing on Paramount Network.



Stephanie Szostak attends the premiere of ABC’s “A Million Little Things” in California in 2018. DAVID LIVINGSTON/GETTY

Q: I am wondering about “Resident Alien.” What happened to it?

A: The Syfy series starring Alan Tudyk drew plenty of admirers for its 10-episode first season — enough that the network has ordered a second. Syfy says it will arrive soon but has not announced an airdate.

Q: I’m hooked on “Archer” and “What We Do in the Shadows,” and recently the season finales happened for both. Were these series finale or just season enders?

A: Both shows have been renewed for another season — “Archer” for its 13th and “Shadows” for its fourth. The animated “Archer” has a big challenge looming since one of its key voice actors, Jessica Walter, died in March. The series bid farewell to Walter in its season 12 finale by having her character, Malory Archer, retire.

Q: Any idea when “This Is Us” will return?

A: NBC held back the drama’s sixth and final season from the fall in

part to allow what it calls “a largely uninterrupted run” of new episodes without preemptions or reruns starting in midseason. That would appear to mean January 2022 at the earliest.

Q: I was watching an episode of “I Love Lucy,” and an issue of Life Magazine, in which the Ricardos are featured, has a woman on the cover. She looks like Nancy Reagan, but I don’t think she was Life-Magazine-cover famous then. Who is the woman on the cover?

A: According to the Internet Movie Database, it is a model named Gloria Barnes highlighting a story called “Denim Gets Dressy.” That’s a real cover of Life from May 1953. The “Lucy” episode aired as the show’s third season premiere in the fall of 1953.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19):

Security could be within your grasp today, but you might need to rein in your rebellious ways and adopt a more buttoned-up approach. Regardless of the type of work you desire, it will be easier to convince people that you’re the right person.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

You could feel a strong pull toward unknown destinations and to expand your horizons right now. If travel is off the table, taking an intriguing class or joining a book club can not only stretch your intellect but also introduce you to new people. Each person brings a perspective.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

Partnerships of all kinds are supported for you in a big way today, but especially alliances with a professional collaborator or coworker. In the past, you may have been reluctant to join forces, but you could improve your game. Don’t spend the whole day focused on work, though.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

Even if you tend to hide your heart beneath a tough shell, you could be inspired to show your lighter side today. Someone in a position of authority who would normally intimidate you can actually help you open up. Your change in demeanor could astonish others.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

Although you tend to be a creative type, Leo, focusing on a task that requires neatness and precision to detail will be a great use of your time today. Not only will the hours fly by, but this can also help you develop a reputation of being well-rounded. Everyone will notice your mood starts to improve.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Delving into a hobby or talent for sheer pleasure can do a lot for your spirit today. Although you may also have work to attend to, be sure to carve out some time to cater to your artistic side. If you’re stuck for inspiration, spend time with a loved one.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

You may be grappling with a domestic situation right now, but you shouldn’t overthink it. Whether you’re looking for a new place to live, picking out a bed, or trying to find a repair professional, it’s best to move quickly. Instead of making endless lists of pros and cons, turn your energy inward.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Although Scorpions tend to have an introverted streak, being in the company of people who love and admire you can bring out your playful side. Colleagues and acquaintances who only see your surface personality would be shocked to see you laughing uproariously!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

You might be spending a lot of your energy filling a certain role, only to realize it doesn’t mean that much to you. If you’re not getting the respect you deserve, it’s OK to call it quits and turn your attention toward something you actually enjoy. Getting involved in your neighborhood. How nice to feel valued!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Embracing your personal power probably gives you a thrill; you’re not afraid of a good argument. You might have the nerve to challenge authority today in a way that shocks others, but that’s because they don’t understand being assertive is what drives you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

A chance to escape the rat race could fall into your lap today, and you’d be wise to seriously consider it. Although you probably like working with others, that doesn’t mean you like being told what to do. Being able to make your own rules will bring you more freedom.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

As a Pisces, defending the underdog is a natural extension of your sympathetic nature, and today, you may be compelled to stand up against a social injustice. Others might step aside while you step up to demand equal treatment for everyone involved.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Nov. 9, 1620, the passengers and crew of the Mayflower sighted Cape Cod.

In 1935, United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis and other labor

leaders formed the Committee for Industrial Organization.

1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues, Jewish-owned stores, and houses in Germany and Austria in a deliberate persecution that became known as “Kristallnacht.”

In 1953, Welsh author-poet Dylan Thomas died in New York at age 39.

In 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa.

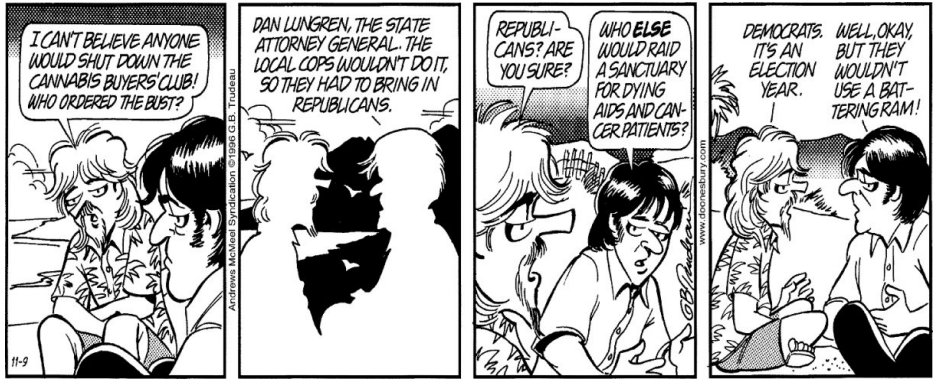
In 1989, East Germany threw open its borders, allowing citizens to travel freely to the West.

In 2020, the Trump administration blocked officials from cooperating with President-elect Joe Biden’s team on a transition.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Garfield By Jim Davis



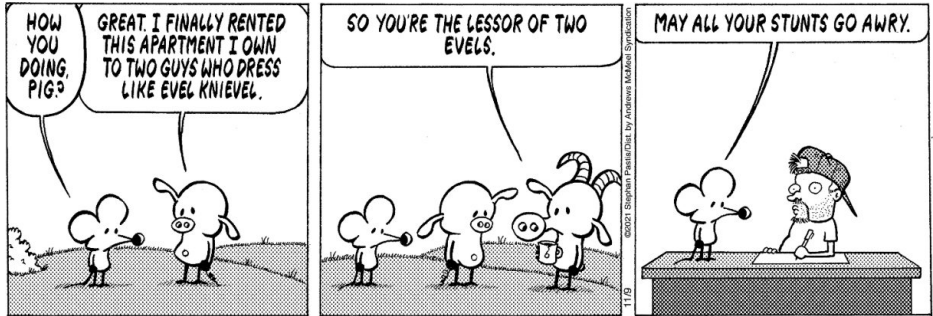
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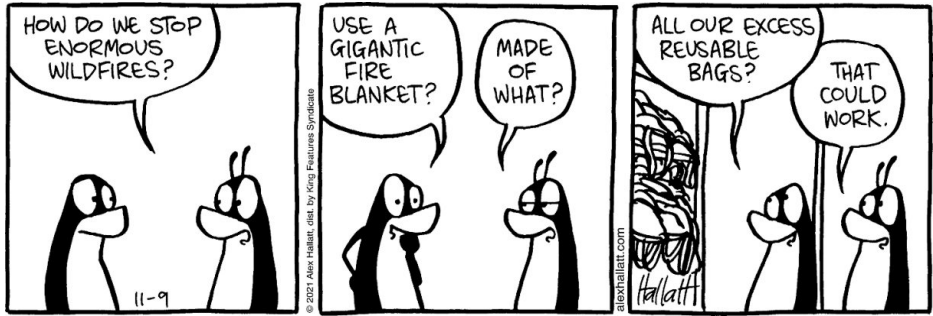
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Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



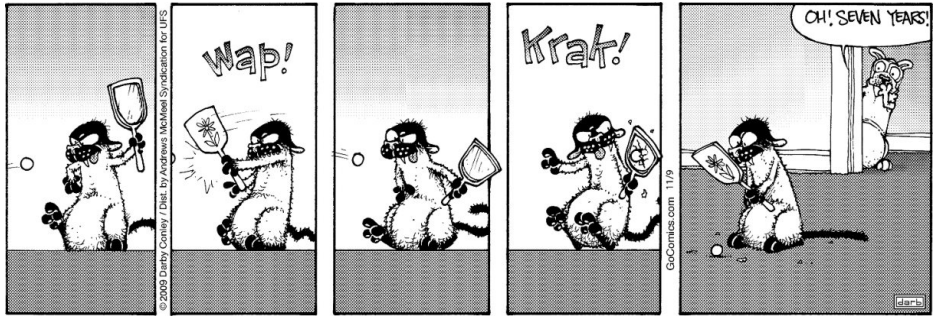
Arctic Circle By Alex Hallatt



Jump Start By Robb Armstrong



Get Fuzzy By Darby Conley



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



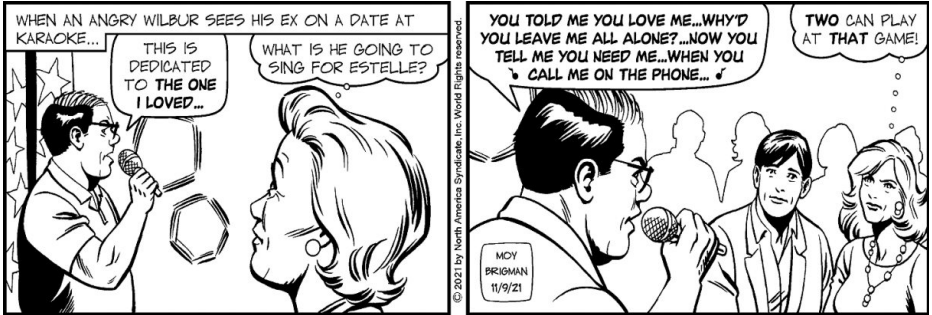
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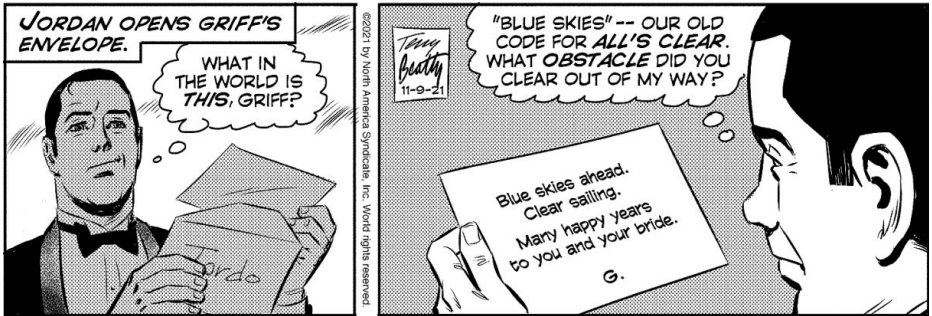
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Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman



Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty



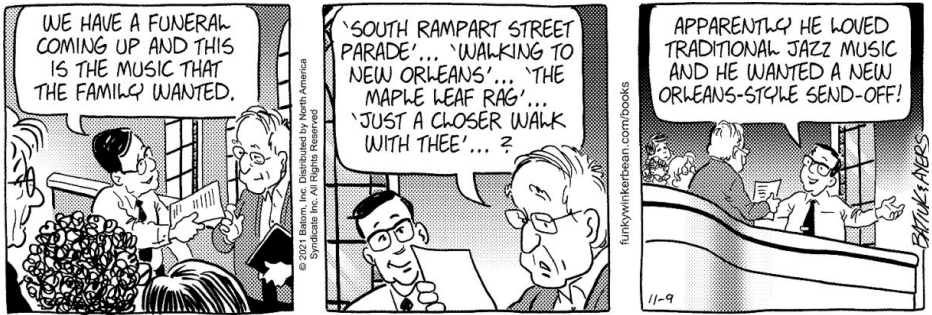
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Baldo By Cantu and Castellanos



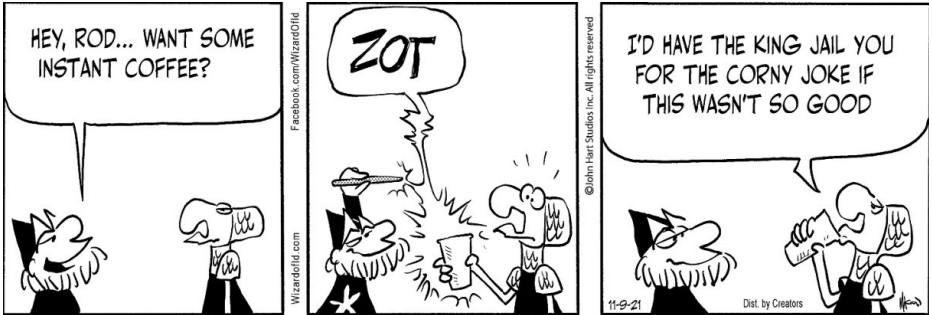
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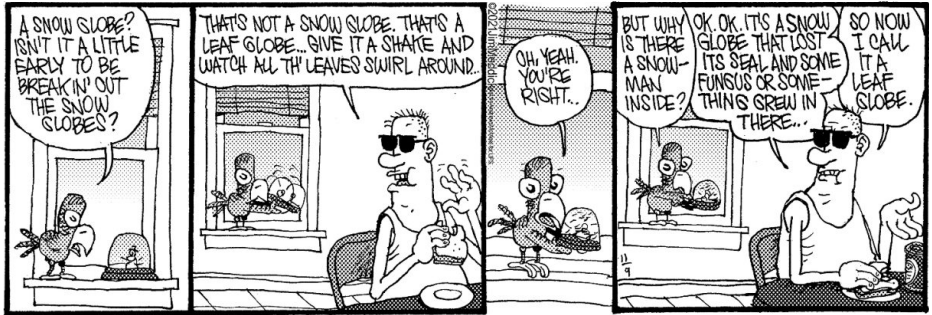
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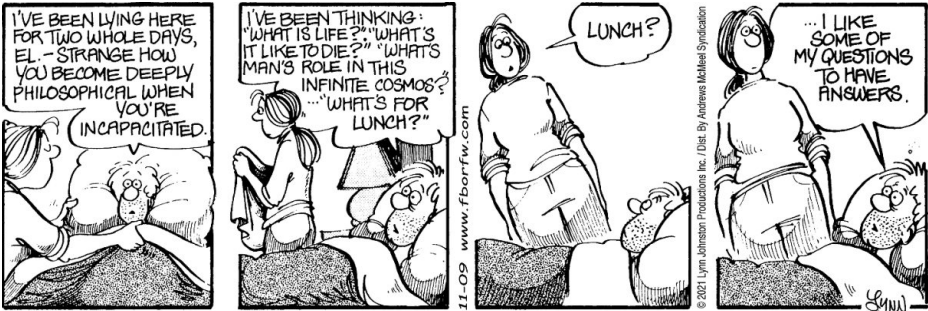
Rhymes With Orange By Hilary Price



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For Better Or For Worse By Lynn Johnston



B.C. By Hart



Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



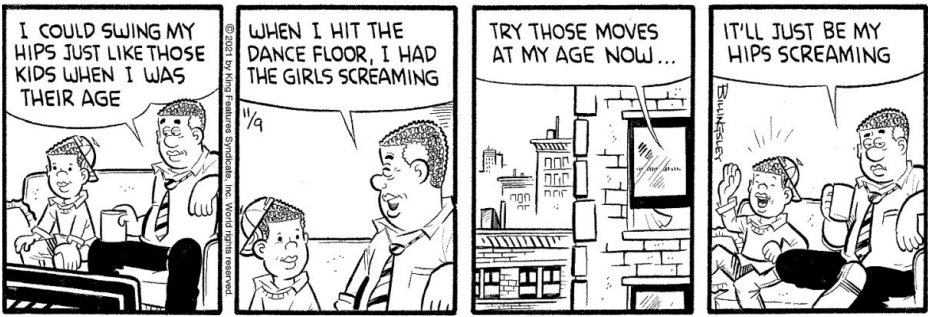
Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne



Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller



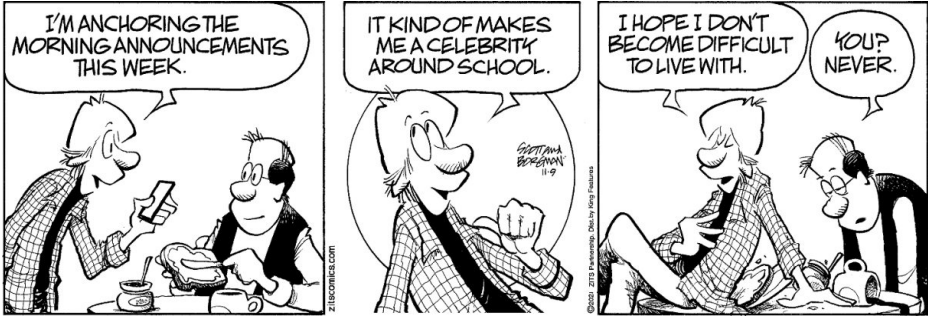
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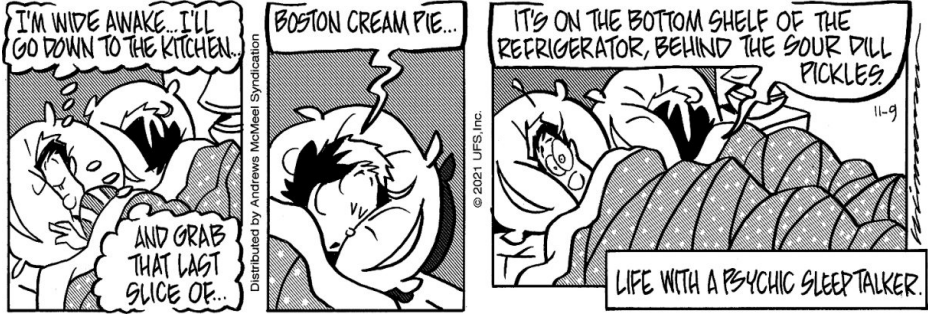
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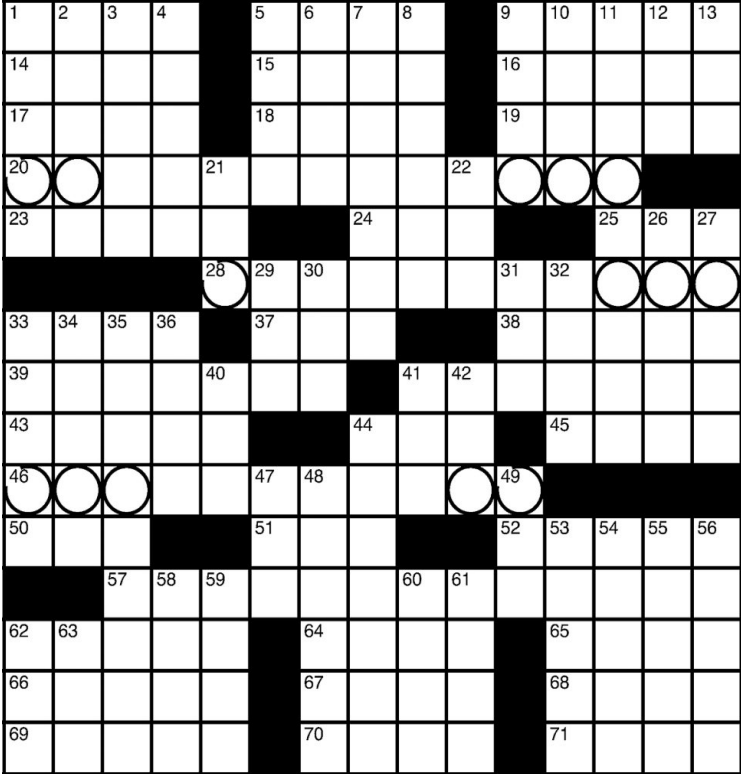
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



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 - 48 Flips
 - 49 Silly Putty holder
 - 53 "Let's take it from the top"
 - 54 Pooh creator
 - 55 Runs into
 - 56 Knotted neckwear
 - 58 Overly bright, fashionwise
 - 59 Rascals
 - 60 Battery unit
 - 61 Irish New Ager
 - 62 They aren't sure things
 - 63 Ctrl-Alt-___



By Michael Wiesenberg and Andrea Carla Michaels Tribune Content Agency 11/9/21

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 10 5
♥ 6
♦ Q 6 2
♣ K 10 8 7 5 3

WEST

♠ K 3
♥ A Q J 9 5
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q J 4

EAST

♠ 6 4
♥ 10 8 3
♦ K 7 5 3
♣ A 9 6 2

SOUTH

♠ A Q 9 8 7 2
♥ K 7 4 2
♦ A J 4
♣

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

The king can do no wrong

There are many deals where declarer is in greater danger if one defender rather than the other obtains the lead. A failure to make the necessary adjustment to this problem resulted in South's defeat in today's hand.

South won West's ten-of-diamonds lead with the jack and, with an eye toward ruffing his heart losers in dummy, led a low heart toward dummy at trick two. East took the heart with the eight and returned a trump.

South did the best he could when he went up with the ace, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and ruffed another heart. But all this proved for naught when he eventually lost a spade, a diamond and another heart to go down one.

Declarer did not give himself the best chance for the contract. His plan to ruff hearts in dummy was certainly correct, but he should have led the king of hearts at trick two, not the deuce!

The bidding indicated that West had the ace of hearts, and South should therefore have aimed to put him on lead with a heart at trick two, rather than East.

South could stand a trump shift at trick three far better from West than from East, so he should not have played a heart that would allow East to gain the lead for a trump return.

Had South led the king of hearts at trick two, he would have made the contract. West would have won with the ace but would then have found it impossible to stop declarer from scoring 10 tricks.

A trump return would cost West his natural trump trick, while any other return would allow South to ruff three hearts in dummy. To give himself the best chance for the contract, South should have made sure that he saddled West with the lead at trick two.

Tomorrow: A perpetual holdup.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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PMEIL

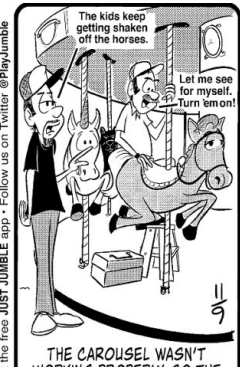
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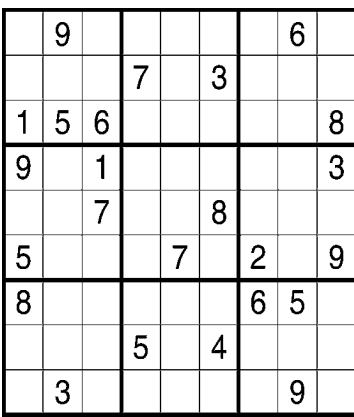
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: DIVOT HOIST ROCKET SAFETY Answer: The runner was dehydrated. Luckily, another runner was there to provide — "THIRST"-AID

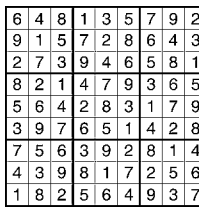


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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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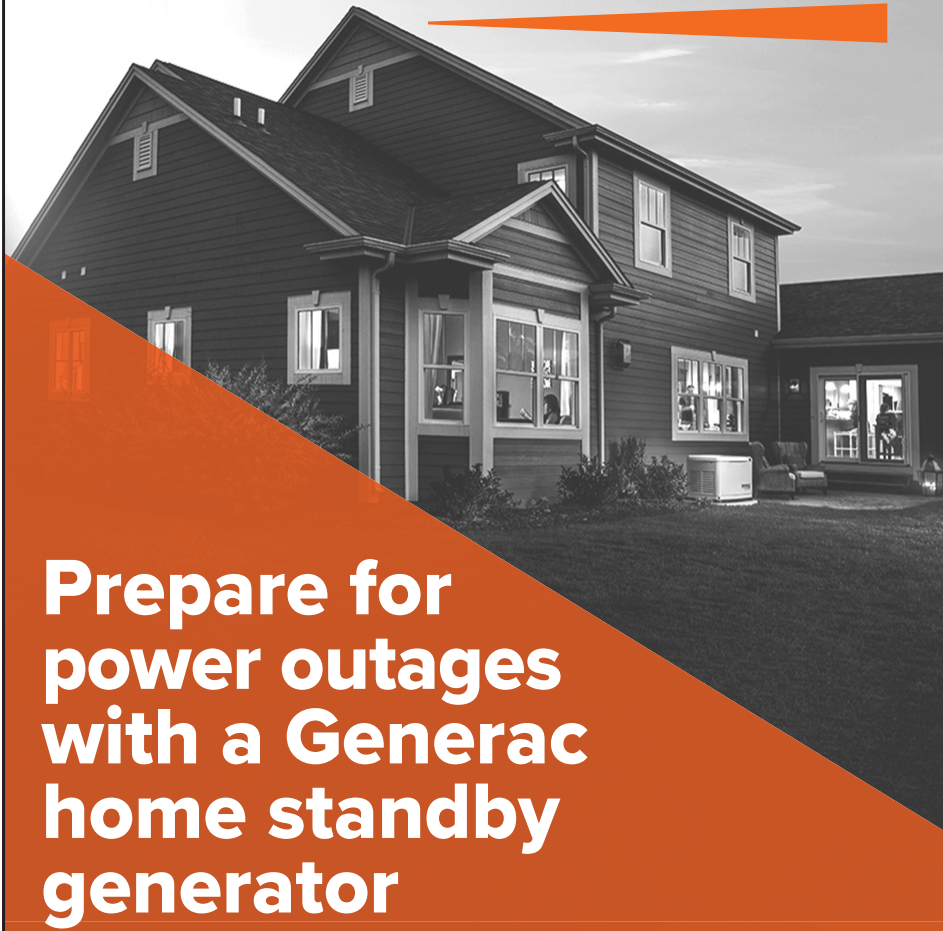


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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Roadblocks on way to Minneapolis?

Who stands in UConn's way to title? Could Bueckers repeat as player of the year? Our panel weighs in.

By **Alexa Philippou**
Hartford Courant

As good as the No. 2 UConn women's basketball team may be this year, it won't be a cakewalk for the Huskies to take home the program's 12th national title. No. 1 South Carolina looks as threatening as ever. Reigning national champion Stanford (No. 3) returns

nearly everybody. No. 4 Maryland and No. 5 NC State are among the teams that can't be overlooked. To weigh in on the broader NCAA women's basketball scene, The Courant surveyed women's basketball reporters and analysts from across the country, all of whom are Associated Press poll voters: Michelle Smith, who covers the Pac-12 for Pac-12.com;

David Cloninger, who covers South Carolina for The Post and Courier; Carl Adamec, who covers UConn for The Manchester Journal Inquirer; Mitchell Northam, who covers the ACC for The Next; and Debbie Antonelli, a national analyst for ESPN.

What do you expect to see from Paige Bueckers as a sophomore?
Smith: Bueckers is in a position to make a big jump between her freshman and sophomore seasons, which is saying something. Hard to

imagine anything different.
Cloninger: Bueckers will continue to play at a national player of the year-level, and even more so now that folks expect her to win the award again.
Adamec: Paige will become the first UConn player to average better than 6.0 assists per game (Sue Bird has the single-season record at 5.92), and she will be the Big East leader in steals. She'll play fewer minutes than a year ago and won't average 20 points per game because she won't have to. I expect

a national player of the year-caliber season.
Northam: The Huskies will go as Bueckers goes. She's the clear leader on the team, and she'll be among the favorites to win national player of the year.
Antonelli: 1. The Paige Buckets trademark is all you need to know! I don't think any player has done that on the men's or women's side of college hoops.
2. Consistently makes the

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GIANTS

Club needs big run to overcome another bad start

By **Tom Canavan**
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — It might be easy to look at the New York Giants' 3-6 record and take the high road.

New York has played its best football over the last three weeks and won twice. That includes an impressive win over Carolina, a late loss to the Chiefs and a surprising 23-16 win Sunday over the Las Vegas Raiders, the co-leaders in the AFC West.

There is reason for optimism. The defense is coming around. The cavalry is expected to bring help for the offense with star running back Saquon Barkley (ankle), receiver Sterling Shepard (quad) and tackle Andrew Thomas (ankle) close to returning from injuries. Receivers Kenny Golladay (knee) and Kadarius Toney (ankle) will have more time to rest during the bye week after returning from injury.

The other uplifting news is the NFC, a conference of the haves and have-nots. Arizona, Green Bay, Tampa Bay, Dallas, the Los Angeles Rams and New Orleans all have winning records. Atlanta is at .500 and the rest of the conference is sub-.500.

The Giants are only 1 ½ games behind Atlanta in the race for the seventh wild-card spot.

There's hope they can return to the postseason for the first time since 2016 if they can put together a run like they did last year. As a rookie head coach, Joe Judge guided them to a 5-3 finish; they were edged by Washington for the NFC East title.

Now, stop smiling. It's time for the reality check.

The Giants lead you on and then leave you flat. Look at the last four seasons, all of 16 games, unlike the current 17 of 2021. After nine games in each of those seasons, going backward from 2020, the records have been 2-7, 2-7, 2-7 and 1-8. When they made the playoffs in 2016 under Ben McAdoo, they were 6-3 en route to an 11-5 record. Just to get to 11-6, the Giants

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Up next



Giants at Buccaneers
8:15 p.m. Nov. 22

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL



A large crowd will have UConn coach Dan Hurley's back at Gampel Pavilion on Tuesday night, the first since March 5, 2020, just before the pandemic. Hurley says he is undecided whether to go casual or back to suit and tie for the Huskies' season opener vs. Central. **BRAD HERRIGAN/HARTFORD COURANT**

CROWD SOURCING

Huskies, eagerly awaiting their first game before fans at Gampel Pavilion since March 2020, host CCSU on Tuesday

By **Dom Amore**
Hartford Courant

STORRS — For nearly every player on the UConn men's basketball team, Tuesday night will be a first-time experience with one of the program's signature features: the Gampel Pavilion crowd.

"I can't wait," sophomore Andre Jackson said. "It's something I've been waiting for, something I've been working for all year, all summer working on my game to get to this point. I'm excited. I can't wait to go out and see what it's all about."

The Huskies played to mostly empty arenas last season, thanks to the coronavirus, and there were no exhibition games, only closed scrimmages leading up to the season opener against Central Connecticut (6:30 p.m., FS1). Only fifth-year seniors Isaiah Whaley and Tyler Polley, junior Jalen Gaffney and sophomore Akok Akok were present when the Huskies beat Houston before a packed house on March 5, 2020. Tonight, the crazies are back.

"I missed that UConn crowd last year, man," Polley said. "Especially when we get to conference

Up next



CCSU at UConn
6:30 p.m., FS1

INSIDE

■ Breaking down key matchups in tonight's game. **Page 4**
■ **Preview:** A team-by-team look at the Big East. **Page 4**

play and stuff like that. It's going to bring a ton of energy and we're going to try to feed off that"

The Huskies will be without freshman Jordan Hawkins, one of

their highly touted incoming class. Hawkins injured an ankle Saturday, and though coach Dan Hurley is hopeful "it's not a big deal," its not likely he will play vs. Central.

"Hopefully, we get some good news in terms of how quickly we can get him back," Hurley said. "Obviously, you wanted him available because he's a big piece."

Hawkins was one of those players competing to be UConn's go-to scorer, with James Bouknight gone, and to provide 3-point shooting. Without him, it's likely Jackson will

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KNICKS 103, 76ERS 96

Randle scores 31 points to lead Knicks past Embiid-less Sixers

By **Aaron Bracy**
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Julius Randle scored 31 points, including eight straight during a key fourth-quarter stretch, to lead the New York Knicks to a 103-96

victory over the short-handed Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Philadelphia was without four-time All-Star Joel Embiid and three others due to the NBA's health and safety protocols, which are for players who have tested positive for COVID-19 or been in

close contact with someone who's tested positive.

RJ Barrett added 15 points for the Knicks, who won their second in the last five. Randle also had 12 rebounds.

Andre Drummond started in place of Embiid and had 14 points

and 25 rebounds. Furkan Korkmaz added 19 points for Philadelphia, which had a six-game winning streak snapped.

The Knicks led by as many as 19 points in the first half and looked

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Safety Tip of the Day

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

UConn football: Clemson, Saturday, noon
Patriots: Browns, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Giants: Bye; at Buccaneers, Nov. 22, 8:15 p.m.
Jets: Bills, Sunday, 1 p.m.
UConn MBB: Central (Gampel), Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Coppin State (XL Center), Saturday, noon; LIU (Gampel), Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.
UConn WBB: Arkansas (XL Center), Sunday, 1 p.m.; vs. Minnesota (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 20, noon; vs. TBA (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 21, time TBA.
Celtics: Raptors, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Bucks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Saturday, 8 p.m.
Knicks: Bucks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Hornets, Friday, 7 p.m.; Pacers, Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Nets: at Magic, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Pelicans, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Thunder, Sunday, 7 p.m.
UConn hockey: Boston College, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at UMass Lowell, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.
Bruins: Senators, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Oilers, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Devils, Saturday, 1 p.m.
Rangers: at Blue Jackets, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Devils, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Canadiens, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.
Wolf Pack: at Springfield, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Bridgeport, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASKETBALL
4:30 p.m.: Mount St. Mary's at Villanova. (Live) FS1
5 p.m.: Women's College: South Carolina at NC State. (Live) ESPN
6 p.m.: Akron at Ohio State. (Live) ESPN2
6:30 p.m.: Central Connecticut at UConn. (Live) FS1.
7 p.m.: Loyola (Md.) at North Carolina. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: UT-Martin at Tennessee. (Live) SEC
7 p.m.: Kansas at Michigan State. (Live) ESPN
7:30 p.m.: Bucks at 76ers. (Live) TNT
9 p.m.: Navy at Virginia. (Live) ACC
9 p.m.: Louisiana Tech at Alabama. (Live) SEC
9:30 p.m.: Kentucky at Duke. (Live) ESPN
10 p.m.: Trail Blazers at Clippers. (Live) TNT
FOOTBALL
7 p.m.: Akron at Western Michigan. (Live) CBSSN
7 p.m.: Buffalo at Miami (Ohio). (Live) ESPN
8 p.m.: Ohio at Eastern Michigan. (Live) ESPN2
12 a.m.: Wake Forest at North Carolina. (Taped) ACC
GOLF
1 a.m.: Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
7 p.m.: Senators at Bruins. (Live), NESN

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defense wrong. Bring any defensive scheme, you will be wrong.

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How big of a role will Azzi Fudd play on this Huskies team?

Smith: Azzi Fudd's role on this team will be interesting considering that the starting lineup seems fairly set to open the season. Fudd could play a spark plug role off the bench for a while as she gets settled into the college game, which is actually a great scenario for both her and Geno.

Cloninger: Fudd will be one of Geno Auriemma's top six that he rotates and most likely the second-leading scorer.

Adamec: Huge! That said, I would not be surprised if Geno uses her as the sixth woman as he traditionally has liked his team to get better offensively when he first goes to the bench (you can go back a quarter-century to Nykesha Sales and Shea Ralph for that). Azzi



Patriots quarterback Mac Jones leads all rookies in completion rate (68%), yards (2,135) and touchdowns (10). GETTY

PATRIOTS

After slow start, Pats set for playoff push in 2nd half

By Kyle Hightower

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — This past offseason was filled with atypical moves by the New England Patriots.

First, the normally frugal Bill Belichick went on a rare spending spree, committing lots of money to bring in free agents on both sides of the ball.

Then he did what he had never done before during his Patriots tenure, using a first-round draft pick on a quarterback to bring in Mac Jones. Belichick took that a step further, opting to cut veteran Cam Newton at the end of training camp and giving the keys of the offense to Jones.

After shaking off a 1-3 start to the season, the moves appear to be working out.

The Patriots (5-4) have won four of their past five games and are above .500 for the first time this season. Their three-game winning streak is their longest since Tom Brady's final season in New England in 2019.

There are still issues to work out, but the Patriots are in position to make it back to the playoffs after finishing 7-9

in 2020 and missing the postseason for the first time since 2008.

“One game at a time. I think if you ask anybody on this team, that is how we have been taking it,” linebacker Matt Judon said. “We have to continue to stack the wins and not get too far ahead of ourselves.”

Jones has been his toughest critic in his first NFL season, but his numbers put him at the top of his quarterback class. He leads all rookies in completion rate (68%), yards (2,135) and touchdowns (10).

His focus is on cutting out the mistakes, which include seven interceptions.

“There is just reoccurring themes in terms of communication, and I can do a better job with that. Part of it is just the inexperience, but there is no excuse for that,” he said. “I have been here for quite a while now, and I can figure out the looks that I am not used to seeing and just go from there. But we have made progress every game I feel like.”

What's working: One thing that's helped the offense has been running back Damien Harris' production. He's bounced back from his late fumble

in the opening loss to Miami, posting two 100-yard games. He leads the team with seven rushing TDs.

What needs help: New England is just 1-4 at home, with three of those losses coming in one-score games. The Patriots will play four of their final eight games at Gillette Stadium. It includes matchups with Cleveland (5-4), Tennessee (7-2) and division-leading Buffalo (5-3). Protecting home field is a must if they want to remain in the postseason picture.

Injury report: Most of the biggest injuries in the first half of the season have been on offense. Running back James White is out for the season with a hip injury. Right tackle Trent Brown hasn't played since the season opener and remains on injured reserve with a calf issue. But the offensive line has stabilized without him by moving Mike Onwenu over from left guard and shifting Ted Karras to Onwenu's spot. Defensively, Belichick says he's optimistic that edge rusher Chase Winovich and linebacker Harvey Langi will return soon. That would help add depth to a group that's found some consistency over the past five games.

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would have to win out.

For the record, the last four seasons they have finished 6-10, 4-12, 5-11, 3-13.

The rest of the schedule includes games with Tampa Bay (6-2), the Chargers (5-3) — tied with Las Vegas atop the AFC West — and Dallas (6-2). Also on the schedule are tail-enders Philadelphia (twice), Miami, Chicago, and Washington. Five of the eight are on the road.

What's working: The defense. It took six-plus

games, but coordinator Pat Graham finally has his unit playing like a year ago when it kept New York in most games. Over the last three games, the defense has allowed a total of 39 points after giving up 177 in the first six, an average of almost 30 points. The Giants are still giving up a large amount of yards, but they have been good in the red zone. “I think we're just making plays when it's time for us to make plays,” cornerback James Bradberry said.

What needs help: Red-zone offense. The Giants went out of their way

in the offseason to help it. They signed the playmaking Golladay to a \$72 million contract. They added veteran tight end Kyle Rudolph and drafted elusive wide receiver Toney in the first round. That was a year after taking Thomas to anchor the left side with the fourth pick overall. The offense currently is ranked last in the red zone, converting at 44%. That's a year after it finished next to last to the Jets at 44.34%. Injuries to Barkley, Golladay, Shepard, Toney, tight end Evan Engram and three starters on the O-line have not helped. Judge was hope-

ful Monday afternoon that Barkley and Thomas will be ready to return against the Bucs on Nov. 22.

Injury report: Center Nick Gates (broken leg), left guard Shane Lemieux (knee) and LT Thomas (ankle) are on IR heading into the bye, along with ILB and leading tackler Blake Martinez (ACL) and safety Jabrill Peppers (ACL). Barkley, who was returning from an ACL injury in 2020, has missed the last four games with a sprained ankle. Shepard has missed three games and fellow WR Darius Slayton two. Top returner C.J. Board broke an arm.

NHL

Eichel looks forward to joining new team

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Forward Jack Eichel said Monday he is relieved the blockbuster trade that sent him from the Buffalo Sabres to the Vegas Golden Knights is behind him and he is looking forward to being on the ice with his new team, even though it may take about three months.

Eichel will have his preferred choice of surgery for his neck injury Friday and is thankful the Golden Knights have been supportive of the procedure he feuded with the Sabres over, triggering discontent with the organization.

Eichel said he hopes the NHL and NHL Players' Association will provide players more rights in determining how to treat injuries, while he acknowledged frustration in the delay in being able to get his procedure. He will have his herniated disk artificially replaced, something the Sabres denied because the procedure had never been performed on an NHL player. He lost nearly an entire season due to the stalemate over the treatment.

“I think my situation shined light on maybe some things that could be changed, and I hope that they are in the future,” Eichel said. “I don't necessarily agree with the team having the full say in what to do with medical treatment. I think it should be a collaboration.”

Eichel is in the fourth season of an eight-year, \$80 million contract. He topped 20 goals in each of his first five seasons and enjoyed a breakout year in 2019-20, when he had a career-best 36 goals in 68 games before the season was abruptly halted because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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on their way to a blowout, but Philadelphia used a 25-14 third-quarter to pull within 72-69 entering the fourth.

The 76ers got within one on multiple occasions in the final period, the last on a 3-pointer by Georges Niang with 5:01 left that made it 89-88.

Then Randle took over. He converted a driving layup and then a pair of 3-pointers, the second giving the Knicks a 97-91 lead with 2:54 left. New York took a comfortable 100-91 lead on Kemba Walker's three-point play with 2:19 left.

ESPN, citing sources, reported earlier Monday that Embiid tested positive for COVID-19. Neither the 76ers nor coach Doc Rivers would confirm a positive test. Rivers said before Monday's game that Embiid was “struggling.”

Embiid, who missed his second game of the season Monday, is averaging 21.4 points and 9.4 rebounds. Embiid also sat Nov. 1 for rest.

It was the Knicks' first win in Philadelphia in nine games, the last victory coming April 8, 2016.

The Knicks have won both games against the 76ers this season (112-99 on Oct. 26) and will meet twice more, on Feb. 27 in New York and March 2 in Philadelphia.

United States women's soccer star Carli Lloyd rang the ceremonial Liberty Bell prior to the game. Lloyd is from nearby Delran, New Jersey.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL										
EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Florida	11	10	0	1	21	46	24			
Toronto	12	7	4	1	15	32	35			
Tampa Bay	11	6	3	2	14	35	25			
Detroit	13	6	5	2	14	39	44			
Buffalo	12	5	5	2	12	36	36			
Boston	9	5	4	0	10	25	26			
Ottawa	11	3	7	1	7	28	40			
Montreal	13	3	10	0	6	26	45			
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Carolina	10	9	1	0	18	39	20			
Washington	12	6	2	4	16	42	32			
N.Y. Rangers	12	6	3	3	15	29	34			
Philadelphia	10	6	2	2	14	32	25			
Columbus	10	7	3	0	14	32	28			
N.Y. Islanders	10	5	3	2	12	27	25			
New Jersey	10	5	3	2	12	26	30			
Pittsburgh	10	4	3	3	11	33	32			
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Minnesota	11	8	3	0	16	37	36			
St. Louis	10	7	2	1	15	37	25			
Winnipeg	11	6	3	2	14	37	32			
Nashville	12	6	5	1	13	32	33			
Dallas	11	4	5	2	10	25	35			
Colorado	10	4	5	1	9	30	36			
Chicago	13	2	9	2	6	28	48			
Arizona	12	1	10	1	3	19	49			
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Edmonton	10	9	1	0	18	45	28			
Calgary	11	7	1	3	17	40	22			
Anaheim	13	6	4	3	15	42	37			
San Jose	11	6	4	1	13	32	30			
Vegas	12	6	6	0	12	33	38			
Los Angeles	11	5	5	1	11	30	31			
Vancouver	12	5	6	1	11	33	33			
Seattle	12	4	7	1	9	34	40			

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 5, Buffalo 3
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, late
Los Angeles at Toronto, late

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 7p.m.
Los Angeles at Montreal, 7p.m.
Ottawa at Boston, 7p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 7:30p.m.
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 8p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago, 8:30p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 9p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 10p.m.
Seattle at Vegas, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 5, Vegas 2
Chicago 2, Nashville 1, OT
Anaheim 4, St. Louis 1
Minnesota 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Vancouver 6, Dallas 3

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	235	118				
New England	5	4	0	.556	230	170				
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	.250	144	251				
Miami	2	7	0	.222	155	242				
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Tennessee	7	2	0	.778	255	211				
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	245	213				
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	132	209				
Houston	1	8	0	.111	128	258				
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	251	221				
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	132	142				
Cincinnati	5	4	0	.556	236	203				
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556	224	196				
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
L.A. Chargers	5	3	0	.625	199	201				
Las Vegas	5	3	0	.625	196	189				
Denver	5	4	0	.556	187	153				
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	221	227				

NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Dallas	6	2	0	.750	241	192				
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0	.333	179	216				
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	227	218				
Washington	2	6	0	.250	156	227				
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750	260	183				
New Orleans	5	3	0	.625	201	155				
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	175	220				
Carolina	4	5	0	.444	171	183				
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	199	180				
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	123	195				
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	194	191				
Detroit	0	8	0	.000	134	244				
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Arizona	8	1	0	.889	277	155				
L.A. Rams	7	2	0	.778	261	196				
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	185	202				
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	181	169				

MONDAY'S RESULT
Chicago at Pittsburgh, late
THURSDAY'S GAME
Baltimore at Miami, 8:20p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Dallas, 1p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m.
Cleveland at New England, 1p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 1p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
New Orleans at Tennessee, 1p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1p.m.
Carolina at Arizona, 4:05p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Chargers, 4:05p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 4:25p.m.
Seattle at Green Bay, 4:25p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 8:20p.m.
MONDAY, NOV. 15
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 8:15p.m.
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LATE SUNDAY:
TENNESSEE 28, L.A. RAMS 16
Tennessee 0 21 0 7 - 28
L.A. Rams 3 0 3 10 - 16
First Quarter
LAR: FG Gay 34, 3:46.
Second Quarter
Ten: Swaim 2pass from Tannehill (Bull-cock kick), 12:21.
Ten: Byard 24interception return (Bull-cock kick), 12:10.
Ten: Tannehill 1run (Bullock kick), 2:10.
Third Quarter
LAR: FG Gay 22, 8:15.
Fourth Quarter
LAR: FG Gay 54, 14:55.
Ten: Peterson 1run (Bullock kick), 3:00.
LAR: Michael 3pass from Stafford (Gay kick), :24.

TEAM STATS	TEN	LAR
First downs	16	22
Total net yards	194	347
Rushes-yards	26-69	21-94
Passing	125	253
Punt returns	1-11	1-7
Kickoff returns	2-50	2-34
Interceptions ret.	2-30	1-6
Nemp.-att.-int.	19-27-1	31-48-2
Sacked-yards lost	1-18	5-41
Punts	5-43.4	4-49.75
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	4-19	12-115
Time of possession	27:39	32:21

RUSHING: Tennessee, Foreman 5-29, McNichols 7-24, Peterson 10-21, Tannehill 2-3, Woodside 1-(minus 1), Johnson 1-(minus 7), L.A. Rams, Henderson 11-55, Michel 7-20, Stafford 2-13, Woods 1-6.
PASSING: Tennessee, Tannehill 19-27-1, 143, L.A. Rams, Stafford 31-48-2-294.
RECEIVING: Tennessee, A.Brown 5-42, Ju.Jones 4-35, Swaim 4-29, McNichols 3-11, Westbrook-Ikhine 1-14, Kirkup 1-7, Peterson 1-5, L.A. Rams, Kupp 11-95, Woods 7-98, Higbee 5-51, Jefferson 3-41, Henderson 3-3, Michel 2-6.
INTERCEPTIONS: Tennessee, Byard 1-24, Long 1-6, L.A. Rams, Ramsey 1-6.

TENNIS

ATP STOCKHOLM OPEN
#6 Frances Tiafoe d. Elias Ymer, 6-4, 7-6(2).
Jozef Kovalik d. Peter Gojowczyk, 6-7(5), 6-4, 7-5.
Andrea Pavanetti d. Denis Istomin, 6-3, 6-4.
Filip Krajinovic d. Pavel Kotov, 6-4, 6-2.

WTA GENERALI LADIES LINZ
Liya Tsurenko d. L.
#5 Ekaterina Alexandrova, 6-4, 7-6(2).
Jaqueline Adina Cristian d. Kamilla Rakhimova, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Ali van Uytvanck d. Sinja Kraus, 6-1, 6-0.
Xinyu Wang d. Kat. Kozlova, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Rebecca Peterson d. Harmony Tan, 6-2, 6-4.
Alize Cornet d. Julia Grabher 7-6(7), 6-4.
Greet Minnen d. Oceane Dodin, 6-4, 6-3.
Anhelina Kalinina d. Martina Trevisan, 6-3, 6-4.

NBA										
EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB						
Philadelphia	8	3	.727	—						
Brooklyn	7	3	.700	½						
New York	7	4	.636	1						
Toronto	6	5	.545	2						
Boston	4	6	.400	3½						
SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB						
Miami	7	2	.778	—						
Washington	7	3	.700	½						
Charlotte	5	6	.455	3						
Atlanta	4	6	.400	3½						
Orlando	3	8	.273	5						
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB						
Chicago	6	3	.667	—						
Cleveland	7	4	.636	—						
Milwaukee	4	6	.400	2½						
Indiana	4	7	.364	3						
Detroit	1	8	.111	5						

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	6	3	.667	—
Memphis	5	4	.556	1
San Antonio	3	7	.300	3½
New Orleans	1	9	.100	5½
Houston	1	9	.100	5½
NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	7	3	.700	—
Denver	5	4	.556	1½
Portland	5	5	.500	2
Minnesota	3	5	.375	3
Oklahoma City	3	6	.333	3½
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	8	1	.889	—
Phoenix	5	3	.625	2½
L.A. Clippers	4	4	.556	3
Sacramento	5	5	.500	3½
L.A. Lakers	5	5	.500	3½

FOOTBALL
Saturday: at Clemson,
noon, ACC Network

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL BIG EAST PREVIEW

Though the Big East had only two teams in the AP Top 25 preseason poll, Villanova and UConn, and two receiving votes, Xavier and St. John's, this could be an exceptionally competitive league top to bottom. Most teams benefited from the extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the transfer portal to build very experienced rosters. Here is a look at Big East men's basketball, team-by-team, in our predicted order of finish for the 2021-22 season:

— Dom Amore, Hartford Courant

1. Villanova

Coach: Jay Wright (21st year). **Last season:** 18-7, 11-4 in Big East; conference regular-season champions. Lost to Baylor in Sweet 16. **Plays UConn:** Feb 5, Feb. 22.
The skinny: Wright, the Hall of Famer, tends to keep players four or five years. With the extra year of eligibility, his best player, Collin Gillespie, was able to return after a knee injury cut his senior season short. Gillespie, the conference preseason player of the year, and Jermaine Samuels, also in his fifth year, lead a team Wright believes is one of the deepest he's had. They will have to pick up slack for Jeremiah Robinson-Earl, now in the NBA.
Need to know: The Wildcats, ranked fourth in the AP Top 25 preseason poll, don't beat themselves. Gillespie averaged 14.0 points and 4.6 assists with a remarkable 2.9 assists to turnover ratio. Until further notice, this is the team to beat in the Big East, "the Gold Standard," as Dan Hurley calls them.

2. UConn

Coach: Dan Hurley (fourth year). **Last season:** 15-8, 11-6 in Big East; lost to Maryland in NCAA Tournament first round.
The skinny: Hurley returns all of his starters and rotation players except James Bouknight, an NBA lottery pick. He has a strong four-man recruiting class. The Huskies have one of the deepest supporting casts you'd find, but they must replace Bouknight as star of the show. Freshman Jordan Hawkins and sophomores Adama Sanogo and Andre Jackson are candidates to do that, with fifth year seniors R.J. Cole and Tyrese Martin needing to pick up their scoring.
Need to know: Akok Akok, trying to make it back from Achilles surgery nearly two years ago, and Samson Johnson, a freshman, could add a sorely needed dimension as "stretch fours," shot blockers who can hit the 3-pointer. Speaking of 3s, UConn could be dynamic is Hawkins approaches the 46.4% he shot at DeMatha Catholic in Maryland.

3. St. John's

Coach: Mike Anderson (third year). **Last season:** 16-11, 10-9 in Big East. **Plays UConn:** Jan 12, Feb. 13.
The skinny: Anderson is well into his rebuilding efforts and, though he lost five key players, got a big lift when Julian Champagnie, a first-team all-conference performer, returned. He and Posh Alexander, who killed UConn in St. John's victory in Storrs last season, are joined by a group of transfers including Aaron Wheeler, from Stamford by way of Purdue. The Red Storm appeared tournament bound before a late-season fade.
Need to know: Anderson employs the "40 Minutes of Hell" style of pressure basketball he learned from Nolan Richardson, but he has coached in many places and has a knack for making the most of talent he has. The Red Storm knocked UConn out of the Top-25 rankings and beat Villanova and Seton Hall late in the year last season.

4. Xavier

Coach: Travis Steele (fourth year). **Last season:** 13-8, 6-7 in Big East. **Plays UConn:** Dec. 28, Feb. 19.
The skinny: Xavier's top seven scorers are back, including two of the best players in the league, Paul Scruggs, the floor general, and Zach Freemantle, the top scorer. They also have a solid recruiting class and depth provided by the transfer portal in Jerome Hunter from Indiana and Jack Nunge from Iowa. The Musketeers may be underrated nationally.
Need to know: If expectations are tamped down, it's mainly because Freemantle, who averaged 16.1 points and 8.9 rebounds, is out indefinitely with a foot injury. When healthy, he's almost impossible to contain, so for Xavier the season may be about staying in contention until they can get him back.

5. Seton Hall

Coach: Kevin Willard (12th year). **Last season:** 14-13, 10-9 Big East. **Plays UConn:** Jan 8, Feb. 16.
The skinny: The Pirates lost Sandro Mamukelashvili, a high-level, all-around forward now with the Milwaukee Bucks, so though they return roughly 60% of their minutes, they will have big shoes to fill. They have experience with Myles Cale back for a fifth season, seniors Jared Rhoden and Bryce Aiken at guard, fifth-year center Ike Obiagu and some impressive transfers including Alexis Yetna from South Florida and Kadary Richmond from Syracuse.
Need to know: Willard has some history with replacing big stars by allowing supporting players to grow into bigger roles. He also has a way of "reloading" rather than rebuilding, and may have done so again. A higher finish would not be surprising.

6. Butler

Coach: LeVall Jordan (fifth year). **Last season:** 10-15, 8-12 Big East. **Plays UConn:** Jan 1, Jan. 20.

The skinny: The Bulldogs hope to have senior point guard Aaron Thompson, who missed much of last season, back healthy, and that would be a huge plus, with senior Bryce Golden and grad students Bryce Nze and Jair Bolden around him.
Need to know: In a league of experienced teams, Butler may have the most experienced. The Bulldogs will get their home-court advantage back this season, too. On those two points, they should be far better than last season.

7. Providence

Coach: Ed Cooley (11th year). **Last season:** 13-13, 9-10 Big East. **Plays UConn:** Dec. 18, Jan. 15.
The skinny: The Friars lost top scorer David Duke but have most of the rest of the team back, including guards A.J. Reeves and Jared Bynam and forward Nate Watson. Al Durham, a 38% 3-point shooter, transferred from Indiana.
Need to know: Watson, with Reeves' help, really hurt UConn in an upset in Providence. Like many teams in the league, Providence may be undervalued despite a lot of experience on the floor and could prove a dangerous opponent late in the season.

8. Georgetown

Coach: Patrick Ewing (fifth year). **Last season:** 13-13, 7-10 Big East, tournament champions, lost to Colorado in NCAA Tournament first round. **Plays UConn:** Jan. 25, Feb. 27.
The skinny: The Hoyas were picked 10th by the coaches, but they run through the conference tournament could be a turn-around point for the program. They have six players back and seven newcomers, including the Big East preseason freshman of the year Aminu Mohammed and transfers Kaiden Rice, a 3-point shooter, and Tre King.
Need to know: Ewing, the legendary Georgetown center, will be coaching the son of another legend, Ryan Mutombo, son of Dikembe. If Ewing can coach his expertise into Mutombo and other young frontcourt players, Georgetown could outperform its preseason rankings.

9. Creighton

Coach: Greg McDermott (12th year). **Last season:** 22-9, 14-6, lost to Gonzaga in NCAA Sweet 16. **Plays UConn:** Feb. 1, March 2.
The skinny: It's dicey to pick a perennial conference contender this low, but Creighton lost a lot, including star Marcus Zegarowski and all five starters. The Bluejays begin the rebuild with a impressive recruiting class, four top-75s, including Arthur Kaluma and Ryan Nembhard and perimeter shooter Ryan Hawkins from the transfer portal. Don't expect the Bluejays to be down for long.
Need to know: Creighton, which beat UConn three times, nearly imploded late in the season when McDermott made a ill-advised analogy to his team about "staying on the plantation." However, after an apology, he was reinstated from suspension, repaired his relationships and the Bluejays carried on to the Sweet 16. It did cost him Ty Ty Washington, who decommitted and went to Kentucky, or the recruiting class would be rated even higher.

10. Marquette

Coach: Shaka Smart (first year). **Last season:** 13-14, 8-11 in Big East. **Plays UConn:** Dec. 21, Feb. 8.
The skinny: After years of contending teams, Marquette fell on hard times, fired coach Steve Wojciechowski and hired Smart, who rose to stardom at Virginia Commonwealth but never got over the hump at Texas, where expectations are high. Of course, a lot is expected at Marquette, too. He has a top-20 recruiting class to get things started. Year 1 for a new coach is about establishing a culture, and in this case, Smart's pressure defense.
Need to know: While Dawson Garcia, a top freshman last season, transferred to North Carolina, Smart landed Tyler Kolek from George Mason, where he was the A-10 freshman of the year, Kur Kuath from Oklahoma and Olivier-Maxence Prosper from Clemson.

11. DePaul

Coach: Tony Stubblefield (first year). **Last season:** 5-14, 2-13 in Big East. **Plays UConn:** Jan. 29, March 5.
The skinny: It seems DePaul has tried everything, including Dave Leitao twice, but hasn't been able to rise in the Big East. Leitao, the longtime UConn assistant, was fired after last season. The Blue Demons have lost four of their top five scorers and three of their top four rebounders, so Stubblefield, 51, a longtime assistant getting his first full-time chance at head coaching, starts almost from scratch.
Need to know: Javon Freeman-Liberty (14.4 points) and Nick Ongenda are back, and Stubblefield is working Chicago for talent, getting a top-100 recruit in Ahamad Bynum and Brandon Johnson, a Chicagoan from the transfer portal. Jalen Terry transferred from Oregon and Tyon Grant-Foster from Kansas.



Sophomore Andre Jackson could bring down the house with one of his windmill dunks. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

Huskies

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get the chance to play with more freedom. The Huskies' other four starters, Whaley, R.J. Cole, Tyrese Martin and Adama Sanogo, are back from last season.
"I'm looking to find my identity as a player," Jackson said, "learning how to score the ball with the team, take advantage of the opportunities I get on the floor, learning the offense and what coaches want from me. I've improved on a lot."
Patrick Sellers will be making his debut as CCSU's coach. Four of Central's top scorers from Donyell Marshall's 5-16 team are back. In last season's opener, UConn prevailed 102-75, but Central was far more effective on offense than Hurley would have liked. He has reminded his players of that.
"They have a number of guys who played very well against us last year," Hurley said, "and we didn't play nearly as hard, or with as much force as we need to show up. I thought we were on some 'cool guy,' kind of thing, laid back, and they drove us, beat us to balls, kind of made us look bad in a lot of ways. That's not who this team is. We've got to be dialed in defensively and on the backboard and play with incredible force and intensity."
There were a few tickets available as of Monday afternoon, but Gampel is expected to be nearly full to its 10,000 capacity.
"I'm looking forward to see what UConn nation is about," said Martin, who transferred from Rhode Island last year. "I haven't really gotten to experience that, so that's definitely going to be keeping me up at night."
Here's what you need to know about the matchup:

The basics

No. 24 UConn vs. Central Connecticut
Time: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday
Place: Gampel Pavilion
Series: UConn, 15-0
Last meeting: UConn 102-75, Nov. 25, 2020, at Gampel Pavilion.
TV: FS1 (Pat O'Keefe, Donny Marshall)
Live stream: Fox sports website.
Radio: UConn IMG Radio Network (Mike Crispino, Wayne Norman); 97.9 ESPN Hartford, WINE 94.0 AM, WGCH 1490 AM, WICC 600 AM, WAVZ 1300 AM, WATR 1320 AM, WILI 1400 AM, Sirius 137, XM 206, SXM 965.

Central Connecticut (0-0) probable starters, sixth man

Stephane Ayangma, F, 6-6, Sr.; Tre Mitchell, G/F, 6-3, Jr.; Nigel Scantlebury, G, 6-0, Jr.; Ian Krishman, G, 6-2, Jr.; Zach Newkirk, G, 6-1, Jr.; Joe Ostrowsky, G, 6-0, Fr.

UConn (0-0) probable starters, sixth man

R.J. Cole, G, 6-1, GS; Isaiah Whaley, F, 6-9, GS; Tyrese Martin, G/F, 6-6, Sr.; Adama Sanogo, F, 6-9, So.; Andre Jackson, G/F, 6-6, So.; Jalen Gaffney, G, 6-3, Jr.

The matchup

UConn's offense: The big question is who will pick up the offensive slack left by Bouknight. With Hawkins out, a lot will be asked of Jackson, who was just 2 for 17 on 3-pointers last season. UConn will be looking for more scoring from Cole and Martin. The offense, as presently designed, will go through Sanogo, with emphasis on the power forwards stretching the floor with 3s to open up the post.
UConn's defense: Pressure, pressure and more pressure is Hurley's trademark, and he has the depth to apply it without worrying about fouls. Martin and Jackson are players expected to be shut-down defenders. Sanogo and Akok Akok, coming off the bench, are rim protectors.
Central Connecticut offense: Mitchell (9.4 points), Krishman (8.8) and Scantlebury (8.2) are the leading returning scorers. UConn held them to a combined 17 points last season but gave up double digits to three players off the bench who are no longer at CCSU.
Central Connecticut defense: The style is likely to change with the new coaching staff. Central allowed opponents to shoot 47% last year, 35.2% on 3s. UConn shot 55.9% last meeting.
UConn key: The Huskies have been looking for "perimeter firepower," not only 3-point shooting, but attacking and breaking down the defense from there. Watch Cole and Jackson.
Players to watch: Akok. Is he back to what he was, more than 18 months after Achilles surgery?
About Central's coach: Sellers, 52, a Central grad, has been an assistant in many places across 22 years, including UConn under Jim Calhoun. His brother, Rod, was a key to UConn's 1989-90 Dream Season. This will be his first game as a head coach since his days at St. Thomas Aquinas High in New Britain (1997-99).
Central's mascot: Kizer the Blue Devil totes his pitchfork at CCSU sporting events.
Famous alumni: Harry Bellucci, who is coaching his last game as Hartford Public's football coach Friday, graduated from Central in 1979 and later earned his master's. He has coached 42 years at Bulkeley and HPHS.

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Embiid tests positive for COVID-19



Monday's news could end up being a major body blow for the 76ers. Joel Embiid became the fourth 76ers player placed into the NBA's COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Embiid was already scheduled to miss Monday night's game against the Knicks at the Wells Fargo Center for a planned rest. However, the four-time All-Star big man could end up missing several more games in protocols. Embiid returned a positive test for COVID-19 on Monday morning, according to reports. A vaccinated player only has to take a test if they're symptomatic or were in close contact with someone who has tested positive. The player can typically return after a 10-day quarantine or following two negative tests 24 hours apart. The 76ers (8-2 through Sunday) were without five members of their 15-man roster against the Knicks. Losing Embiid for an extended amount of time could hurt the 76ers. He's averaging 21.4 points, 9.4 rebounds, a career-high 4.0 assists and 1.4 blocks. Embiid finished with 30 points and 15 rebounds in Saturday's road victory over the Bulls.

Huskers bringing back Frost in '22



Nebraska ended weeks of speculation about football coach Scott Frost's future, announcing Monday that he will return for a fifth season with a restructured contract. A few hours later, Frost fired four offensive assistant coaches, effectively immediately. AD Trev Alberts said he has seen enough progress in the once-proud program to merit bringing Frost back. Frost, 46, will go into next year with four straight losing seasons at his alma mater. The Cornhuskers are 15-27 and have never finished higher than fifth in the Big Ten West under Frost. The Huskers are 3-7 overall and 1-6 in Big Ten games this season but have no losses by more than nine points against one of the toughest schedules in the country. The assistants fired were: offensive coordinator/WRs coach Matt Lubick, offensive line coach/run game coordinator Greg Austin, RBs coach Ryan Held and QBs coach Mario Verduzco. Details of Frost's new contract weren't disclosed. Frost originally signed a seven-year contract paying him \$5 million per year. Two years ago, he received an extension through 2026.

Hand surgeon clears Wilson to play



Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson was cleared Monday to return to football activities barely a month after undergoing surgery on the middle finger of his throwing hand. Wilson's surgeon, Dr. Steve Shin, released a statement through the team saying he had cleared Wilson for a "full return to play without reservation." "I have also never encountered a player so committed to his postoperative therapy and with so much conviction to return to the same, if not better, level of performance as he had pre-injury," Shin said. "I'm absolutely amazed at his progress." Wilson was hurt in the Seahawks' Week 5 loss to the Rams when his hand hit the arm of Rams DL Aaron Donald. Wilson underwent surgery the next day in Los Angeles. The Seahawks went 1-2 in Wilson's absence with Geno Smith as the starting quarterback. Wilson was placed on injured reserve by the Seahawks to open a roster spot, but he's eligible to return this week when the team faces the Packers on Sunday in Green Bay. Wilson posted a video on social media Monday with the title "It's Time." —News services



Kyle Larson holds his son, Owen, after winning his first NASCAR Cup Series championship Sunday at Phoenix Raceway. RICK SCUTERI/AP

AUTO RACING COMMENTARY

NASCAR on the right track

Future bright after season ends with new champion, energy

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — In the end, it was a win for NASCAR. Was it "The Best Season Ever," as promised by broadcast partner Fox? No. But NASCAR should pop the champagne — everyone else did. Its newest Cup Series champion put together one of the best seasons in NASCAR history and capped it with a proper party at Phoenix Raceway, which finally got to fully showcase its \$178 million renovation. The pandemic limited attendance to just over 8,000 at Phoenix a year ago, when the track hosted its first championship weekend. On Sunday, the sold-out track in the desert had 10 times that number spread through the stands, the infield and the tents lining Rattlesnake Hill. Kyle Larson capped his comeback from a seven-month NASCAR suspension for using a racial slur with a title-clinching win — his 10th this season, the most since Jimmie Johnson in 2007. The crowd egged on his wife, Katelyn, as she shot-gunned beers on the championship stage. Larson snagged a Captain Morgan cocktail at "The Barn," the at-track party-space dreamed up by Jeff Gordon as a spot where winners can share a post-race toast with fans. Almost two years later, The Barn at last was rocking. Truck Series champion Ben Rhodes got slightly intoxicated following his Friday night win. Two nights later, Larson told his wife she needed to pace herself; he himself had

vowed not to let the crowd draw him into recreating Rhodes' evening. "NASCAR fans, they love drinking," Larson said, half a cocktail sitting next to him. Larson had plenty of partying ahead of him as NASCAR on Monday whisked him to Los Angeles to promote its new champion. The first stop was a NASCAR celebration during the Hornets' game against the Lakers. On Tuesday, Larson will tour the Coliseum to promote NASCAR's newest wild idea: Next season will open with a Feb. 6 exhibition race on a quarter-mile short oval built inside the sprawling venue one week before Los Angeles hosts the Super Bowl less than 10 miles away at SoFi Stadium. Larson, via his new championship, will be the main promoter of NASCAR's charge into the vast media market. The year wasn't perfect for NASCAR, but by the time the flag flew at Phoenix, the sport at least felt a little back to normal. The campgrounds were filled again and fans roamed the garage bays at Phoenix, where anyone with a ticket could get within a few feet of the cars and stars. The weekend was NASCAR's biggest event since the 2020 season-opening Daytona 500 before the pandemic. Larson also gave NASCAR its first Cup champion from its diversity program. He's half Japanese and the first Asian champion. Bubba Wallace, another graduate of NASCAR's diversity program, finally secured his first Cup Series win last month at Talladega. Larson was suspended all but four races last season for using the slur during an online race. It would have cost him his career had Larson not returned to sprint car racing and also worked off the track to educate himself on social justice issues. He made it back into NASCAR under the

guidance of Rick Hendrick and Gordon, and he's now beloved by racing fans. His past rarely comes up with the focus now on his mind-boggling success. Gordon, Tony Stewart and Mario Andretti all consider Larson the most talented driver in motorsports right now, and in the grandstands, that's all it takes. The 29-year-old Larson dazzles everywhere, from the biggest stages to the grassroots rural racetracks, and if given the opportunity to drive a race-winning car in the Indianapolis 500, he said he'd try that, too. Larson will help usher in the overdue Next Gen car, set to debut at the Daytona 500. Much is tied to the success of this car, which was delayed a year because of the pandemic, and NASCAR hopes better competition, new markets and the introduction of new stars will build momentum for a series many saw as dying just a few years ago. "We are a stronger sport today than we were pre-pandemic. I would argue with anyone who would say otherwise," NASCAR President Steve Phelps said ahead of the finale. There is work ahead: Phelps said the industry-wide vaccination rate is "not high enough"; he doesn't know if the pandemic has delayed the reconfiguration of Auto Club Speedway outside of Los Angeles; and NASCAR wants nothing to do with the "Let's go, Brandon!" conservative political cry that was derived from a NASCAR race and is now one of the most prevalent slogans sported by spectators at the tracks. But otherwise, NASCAR waved the final checkered flag on another long season and did it on a high. The right guy won and Larson proved that NASCAR can be a place for second chances. And the next season is just three months away.

NFL ANALYSIS

Top teams not immune to letdowns




By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

First-place teams had a rough Sunday. Dak Prescott returned to the lineup and the host Cowboys (6-2) didn't score until the Broncos led 30-0 in the fourth quarter. Josh Allen had three turnovers and the Bills (5-3) showed no discipline in an embarrassing 9-6 road loss to the woeful Jaguars. Without Aaron Rodgers, the Packers (7-2) couldn't muster enough offense to upend the Chiefs in rookie Jordan Love's first start. Coming off an emotional week, the Raiders (5-2) struggled in a 23-16 road loss to the Giants. Other winning teams had a tough day at home. The Saints (5-3) lost to the Falcons in their first game missing Jameis Winston. The Rams (7-2) were routed by the AFC South-leading Titans, who won their first game since losing Derrick Henry. The Bengals (5-4) were blown out by the Browns for their second straight loss after a 5-2 start. A couple winning teams struggled to get their victories. The Ravens (6-2) needed overtime to handle the Vikings. The Chargers (5-3) beat the Eagles on a late field goal. Overall, division leaders were 3-4 and home teams were 5-7. Three clubs favored to win by seven or more points lost outright. Week 9 will serve as a prime example for any coach who wants to issue the "any given Sunday" warning to his players before a game. Of course, they've heard it before. "It's hard to win football games, no matter who you play," Allen said. "We're all grown men. We all get paid to play this game. They came out. They wanted it more."

The Bills are an enigma. They were the odds-on favorite to win the Super Bowl but couldn't beat a team that had lost 21 of its last 23 games. Their high-powered offense hasn't been sharp in consecutive games, including last week's victory over the Dolphins. The Bills' loss coupled with the Titans' win and a loss to the Titans (7-2) last month means the Bills have an uphill battle to get the No. 1 seed in the AFC. They have to hold off the Patriots (5-4) just to win the AFC East. The Cowboys had won six in a row before the inconsistent Broncos dominated them. "The message is don't take the cheese, and frankly we were outcoached, we were outplayed all the way through," Cowboys coach Mike McCarthy said. "This is the first time I've felt clearly our energy didn't exceed our opponent. That's disappointing." Heading into the second half, the conference races are wide open. The Titans are the AFC's frontrunner following their convincing win on the road against the Rams. But they still have to play without Henry for the long haul. The Ravens have overcome a slew of injuries to lead the AFC North. They have a difficult schedule over the final nine after road games against the Dolphins and Bears. The Bills still may have the most talented roster despite their recent struggles. The Chargers, Browns, Raiders and Chiefs also have a shot to be there in late January. The Cardinals (8-1) lead the NFC race, but they already lost at home to the Packers with Rodgers. Tom Brady and the defending Super Bowl champion Buccaneers (6-2) had a productive week off seeing three teams ahead of them lose. And, the Cowboys and Rams will bounce back after a loss. This surely won't be the last topsy-turvy weekend in the NFL this season. AP writers Mark Long and Schuyler Dixon contributed.

WEATHER

TUESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunny and comfortable. Winds west around 5 mph.

HIGH 66° LOW 44°

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Morning clouds giving way to increasing sunshine, pleasant.

HIGH 62° LOW 34°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Thickening afternoon cloudiness, seasonable. Showers are possible late at night.

HIGH 56° LOW 47°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly cloudy with periods of rain, some downpours are possible, breezy.

HIGH 63° LOW 45°

SATURDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, breezy and seasonable.

HIGH 56° LOW 34°

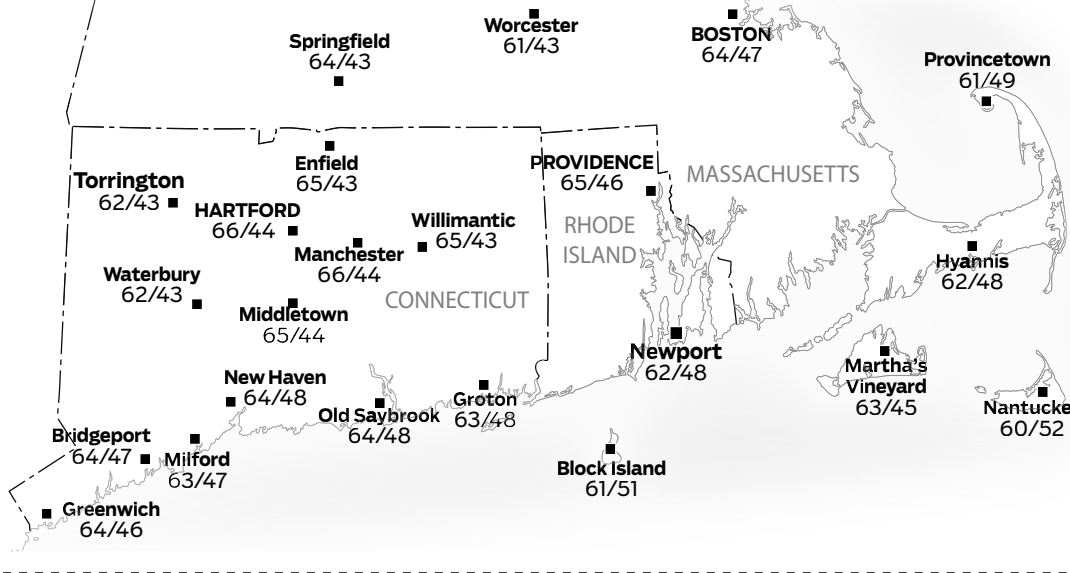
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OUTLOOK

High pressure will continue to bring sunshine to Connecticut on Tuesday with high temperatures in the 60s, which is around ten degrees above normal. A cold front will cross the state overnight causing the sky to become mostly cloudy. Sunshine will return on Wednesday with highs in the upper 50s and lower 60s. Temperatures will return to seasonable levels on Thursday with a partly sunny sky before giving way to thickening afternoon cloudiness. Rain will develop early Friday and continue into Friday night. There could be an inch or more in parts of the state.

-Gary Lessor

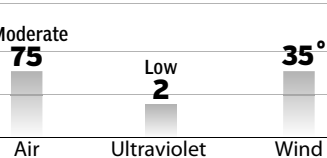
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Precipitation in Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.11
Month to date	0.00 0.90
Total this year	50.04 40.36

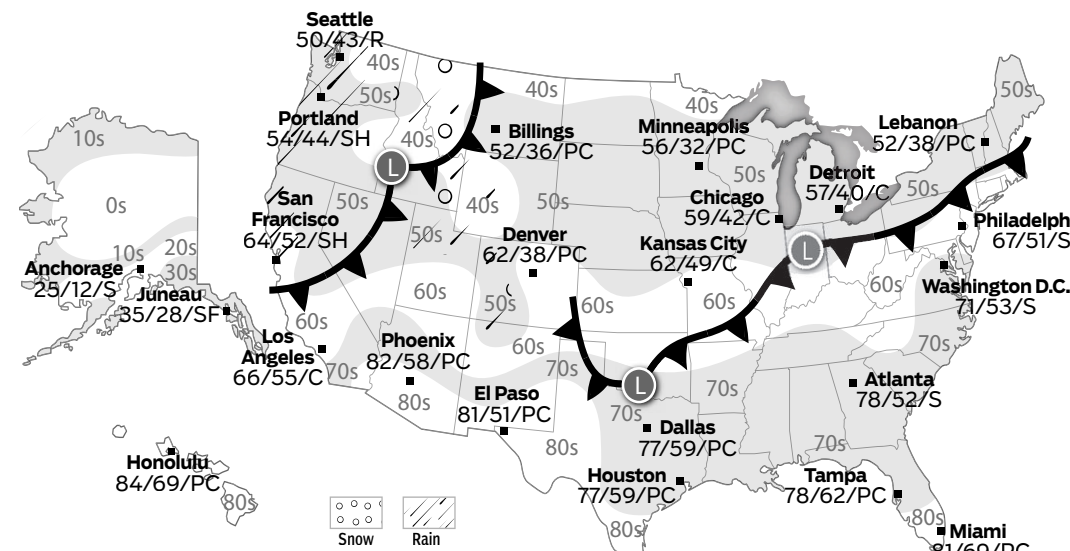
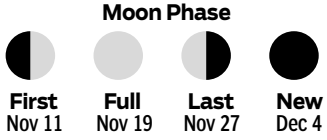
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:32 a.m.	6:34 a.m.
Sunset	4:37 p.m.	4:36 p.m.
Moonrise	12:03 p.m.	12:49 p.m.
Moonset	9:05 p.m.	10:17 p.m.



AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND	Bangor 56 36 PC	Baltimore 69 49 S	Nashville 72 48 S	San Juan 87 76 PC	Budapest 55 31 PC	Kingston 84 73 SH	Stockholm 42 40 R
Burlington 53 41 C	Bismarck 49 32 R	New Orleans 75 57 S	Tucson 83 51 S	Buenos Aires 79 61 C	Lisbon 72 50 S	Sydney 75 63 SH	Sydney 75 63 SH
Caribou 53 29 PC	Boise 43 36 R	New York 62 51 S	Amsterdam 54 45 PC	Cairo 88 63 S	London 59 54 S	Tel Aviv 86 56 S	Tel Aviv 86 56 S
Concord 59 41 PC	Buffalo 58 43 C	Oklahoma City 68 55 PC	Atlanta 78 52 S	Cancun 81 71 PC	Mexico City 57 39 S	Tokyo 72 55 R	Tokyo 72 55 R
Montpelier 50 39 C	Charleston 77 48 S	Omaha 59 42 PC	Chicago 59 42 C	Dubai 91 73 S	Milan 73 48 S	Toronto 57 39 C	Toronto 57 39 C
Mt. Wash. 42 24 C	Cincinnati 67 48 PC	Orlando 79 59 PC	Chicago 59 42 C	Dublin 54 43 SH	Montreal 55 46 SH	Vancouver 48 41 R	Vancouver 48 41 R
Portland 59 43 PC	Cleveland 59 43 PC	Pittsburgh 63 47 PC	Chicago 59 42 C	Edinburgh 55 43 SH	Manila 55 41 PC	Warsaw 43 36 S	Warsaw 43 36 S
Woods Hole 64 48 S	Indianapolis 61 47 PC	Raleigh 76 50 S	Chicago 59 42 C	Helsinki 48 39 PC	Moscow 32 25 SN		
	Jacksonville 74 51 S	St. Louis 67 52 PC	Chicago 59 42 C	Hong Kong 72 63 PC	Nassau 90 66 T		
	Las Vegas 76 54 PC	Salt Lake City 55 39 SH	Chicago 59 42 C	Istanbul 63 52 SH	New Delhi 81 59 PC		
	Miami Beach 79 72 PC	San Antonio 79 63 PC	Chicago 59 42 C	Jerusalem 75 61 S	Paris 52 37 C		
	Milwaukee 57 39 PC	San Diego 67 59 PC	Chicago 59 42 C	Johannesburg 82 55 S	Prague 48 32 PC		
			Chicago 59 42 C		Rio de Janeiro 75 64 T		
			Chicago 59 42 C		Rome 66 57 C		
			Chicago 59 42 C		Seoul 48 36 R		
			Chicago 59 42 C		Singapore 91 75 T		

MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

FOOTBALL
ECC Div. II
WINDHAM 38, STONINGTON 6
CIAC STATE TOURNAMENTS

GIRLS SOCCER

Class LL—First Round
Upper Bracket
FARMINGTON 5, GREENWICH 2 (OT)
Goals: F—Sabrina Krause (3), Daria Fournier, Hannah Sams; G—Kelly Martynov (2). Saves: F—Margaret Huelin, 8; G—Isabella Gega, 8. Rec.: F—8-4-5; G—7-6-3.
DARIEN 3, SOUTHTON 2 (OT)
Goals: D—Sadie Stafford (2), Caroline Aponte; S—Julia Rusticki, Jess Carr. Saves: D—Jillian Fox, 6; S—Margaret Miller and Kaitlyn Asido, 7. Rec.: D—7-8-1; S—9-2-6.
FAIRFIELD WARDE 3, TRUMBULL 2
RIDGEFIELD 4, NAUGATUCK 1
STAPLES 3, NFA 2
Lower Bracket
WILTON 2, ENFIELD 0
Goals: W—Jemma Peterkin, Mia Sommer. Saves: W—Erynny Floyd, 6; E—Mia Daly, Rec.: W—9-1-6; E—7-10.
MANCHESTER 2, SOUTH WINDSOR 1 (OT)
CHESHIRE 1, WEST HAVEN 0
NEW CANAAN 5, MIDDLETOWN 0
DANBURY 3, HALL 1

Class L—First Round
Upper Bracket
AVON 3, BETHEL 2
Goals: A—Izzy Lasota (2), Kate Loparco; B—Brooke Lacey, Jasmine Islami. Saves: A—Tanvi Raman, 10; B—Emma Perrotti and Olivia Chamberlain, 3. Rec.: A—9-6-2; B—10-7-1.
GUILFORD 1, BERLIN 1 (GUILFORD WINS IN PKs, 4-2)
POMPERAUG 2, WINDSOR 1
WINDSOR 1, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 0
NORTH HAVEN 7, BULLARD-HAVENS 1
Lower Bracket
E.O. SMITH 3, BRISTOL EASTERN 0
Goals: EOS—Emma Noheimer, Maddy Hughes, Paige Raynor. Rec.: EOS—11-2-4; BE—5-9-2.
ELLINGTON 3, EAST HAVEN 1
Goals: E—Erica Papanian (2), Anna Moser; EH—Emily Mazzucco. Saves: E—Kyra Kobak, 5; EH—Alex Castro, 20. Rec.: E—9-2-6; EH—6-9-2.
SINSBURY 4, BARLOW 1
WETHERSFIELD 1, FORAN 0
HAND 5, KILLINGLY 0
MASUK 1, BROOKFIELD 0

Class M—First Round
Upper Bracket
LEWIS MILLS 5, WETHERSFIELD 3
Goals: LM—Lauren Searle (3), Molly Barnsey (2); P—Juliana Carina. Saves: LM—Cassidy Groueten, 3; P—Amber St. Onge, 7. Rec.: LM—10-5-1; P—8-5-4.
MERCY 3, VALLEY REGIONAL 1
Goals: M—Laney Smith, Haley Morales, Megan Menard; VR—Jordan Harris. Saves: M—Melina Ford, 2. Rec.: M—13-2-2; VR—5-9-3.
GRANBY 2, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 0
MORGAN 3, NEW FAIRFIELD 0
WINDHAM 2, SEYMOUR 1
WESTON 2, STONINGTON 0
PLAINFIELD 7, NORWICH TECH/HOLY FAMILY 0
Lower Bracket
ROCKY HILL 0, TOLLAND 0 (ROCKY HILL WINS IN PKs, 3-1)
Saves: RH—Emelia Pacheco-Hager, 23; T—Sophia Rotondaro, 6. Rec.: RH—9-6-2; T—3-3-6. Note: Gillian Fernstrom, Arianna Borukhovich and Kaitlyn

Pereau scored PK goals for Rocky Hill. Shea Reed had the PK goal for Tolland.
BACON ACADEMY 12, WILCOX TECH 0
SHEEHAN 1, CANTON 0
CROMWELL 3, WOLCOTT 0
WATERTOWN 9, MONTVILLE 2
NOTRE DAME-FAIRFIELD 8, NORTHWESTERN 0

Class S—First Round
Upper Bracket
COVENTRY 1, PORTLAND 1 (COVENTRY WINS IN PKs, 7-5)
COGINCHAUG 5, WINDSOR LOCKS 0
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 2, IMMACULATE 1
LYMAN MEMORIAL 6, INNOVATION 1
HOUSATONIC 3, WHEELER 1
Lower Bracket
OLD LYME 2, BOLTON 2 (OLD LYME WINS IN PKs, 3-1)
Goals: OL—Luisa Raby, Alexis Fenton; B—Riley Graves, Carly Robbins. Saves: OL—Nyla Goulding, 1; B—Madison Peacock, 11. Rec.: OL—10-2-5; B—7-9-1.
EAST GRANBY 1, ST. PAUL 1 (EAST GRANBY WINS IN PKs, 4-3)
Goals: EG—Ava Walsh; SP—Reagan Davis. Saves: EG—Ava Guyer, 9; SP—Zoey Rubins, 13. Rec.: EG—8-4-5; SP—9-8.
LITCHFIELD 9, CIVIC LEADERSHIP/AEROSPACE 0
Goals: L—Jillian Saunders (4), Riley Southard, Leah Sepples, Emily Migliorini, Avery Southard, Mackenzie Schweter. Saves: L—Schweter, 1; CLA—Giovanni Shaw, 11. Rec.: L—13-3-1; CLA—5-8-1.
OLD SAYBROOK 6, ELLIS TECH 0
THOMASTON 7, SHEPAUG 2

FIELD HOCKEY

Class L—Qualifying Round
NORWALK 3, SOUTHTON 1
Class S—Qualifying Round
WAMOGO 3, NONNEWAUG 0

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Class LL—First Round
Upper Bracket
GLASTONBURY 3, HALL 0 (25-13, 25-9, 25-12)
SOUTHTON 3, FAIRFIELD WARDE 2 (25-14, 19-25, 20-25, 20-25, 15-7)
NEW CANAAN 3, EAST HARTFORD 0 (25-11, 25-11, 25-11)
FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 3, NEW BRITAIN 0 (25-15, 25-6, 25-13)
TRUMBULL 3, WESTHILL 0 (25-16, 25-10, 25-14)
Lower Bracket
BRISTOL CENTRAL 3, FARMINGTON 0 (25-22, 25-16, 25-19)
NEWTOWN 3, MANCHESTER 0 (25-9, 25-13, 25-16)
WILTON 3, HAMDEN 0 (25-12, 25-20, 25-10)
RIDGEFIELD 3, MCMAHON 0 (25-14, 25-17, 25-22)

Class L—First Round
Upper Bracket
E.O. SMITH 3, WETHERSFIELD 0 (25-16, 25-15, 25-14)
EOS: Ashley Lewis, Sacas, 4kills, Natalie Villanueva, 11digs, Sacas, 3 kills, Bella Mallory, 7kills, 2blocks; W: Julia Laabs, 9kills, 1ace, Lilli O'Neil, 21 digs. Rec.: EOS—17-2; W—8-13.
SOUTH WINDSOR 3, PLATT 2 (25-21, 22-25, 19-25, 25-11, 15-5)
HAND 3, WCA 0 (25-11, 25-16, 25-15)
FITCH 3, LYMAN HALL 0 (25-19, 25-15, 25-21)
NEW MILFORD 3, STRATFORD 0 (25-13, 28-26, 25-11)
KENNEDY 3, GUILFORD 1 (22-25, 25-17, 32-30, 25-15)
NORTH HAVEN 3, BETHEL 0 (25-17, 25-14, 25-17)

Lower Bracket
SIMSBURY 3, NEWINGTON 0 (25-19, 25-11, 25-22)
S: Brenna Pillar, 26assists, 11digs, 3 aces; N: Olivia Boling, 6digs, 2aces. Rec.: S—15-5; T—10-10.
BRISTOL EASTERN 2, TORRINGTON 0 (25-22, 25-21, 25-13)
BE: Hannah Webber, 22kills, Alyssa Adorno, 7aces; T: Marissa Burger, 7 digs, 5kills, Vidhi Patel, 4kills, 2blocks. Rec.: BE—19-5; T—10-11.
WINDSOR 3, NEW LONDON 1 (25-23, 17-25, 25-23, 25-19)
W: Marina Inyatkin, 18kills, 12digs, 4 aces, 4blocks, Sydney Smith, 22digs, 5 kills. Rec.: W—10-10; NL—14-5.
SUFFIELD 3, BULLARD-HAVENS 0 (25-17, 25-17, 25-12)
BROOKFIELD 3, ROCKVILLE 1 (25-17, 24-26, 25-16, 25-22)
ST. JOSEPH 3, LAW 0 (25-15, 25-20, 25-15)
EAST LYME 3, FORAN 0 (25-5, 25-15, 25-20)

Class M—First Round
Upper Bracket
PLAINVILLE 3, ABBOTT TECH 0 (25-10, 25-16, 25-18)
BARLOW 3, VALLEY REGIONAL 0 (25-22, 25-11, 25-18)
WOODLAND 3, SACRED HEART ACADEMY 1 (25-14, 25-8, 23-25, 25-5)
LEDYARD 3, NONNEWAUG 0 (25-22, 25-19, 25-15)
WATERFORD 3, WOLCOTT 0 (25-22, 25-19, 25-15)
Lower Bracket
MERCY 3, WILCOX TECH 1 (25-8, 22-25, 25-13, 25-13)
SHEEHAN 3, O'BRIEN TECH 0 (25-12, 25-14, 25-23)
BACON ACADEMY 3, LAURALTON HALL 0 (25-22, 25-20, 25-28)
BRANFORD 3, WATERTOWN 2 (25-22, 12-25, 25-12, 20-25, 15-5)

Class S—First Round
Upper Bracket
COVENTRY 3, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 0 (25-14, 25-16, 25-22)
C: Ruby St. Onge, 12digs, Sacas, 4 assists, 2kills, Jocelyn Francisco, 18 digs, Emma Topliff, 5kills. Rec.: C—15-6; NWC—8-13.
COGINCHAUG 3, MONTVILLE 0 (25-11, 25-16, 25-23)
HOLY CROSS 3, WEAVER 1 (25-17, 25-27, 25-17, 25-15)
GRISWOLD 3, HOUSATONIC 0 (25-6, 25-6, 25-11)
NORWICH TECH 3, INNOVATION 0 (FORFEIT)

Lower Bracket
BOLTON 3, NOTRE DAME-FAIRFIELD 1 (25-15, 25-22, 21-25, 25-22)
B: Brianna Connolly, 28assists, 6digs, 5kills, Holly Begin, 22digs, 13kills, Breelein McDougal, 22digs, 5kills, 4aces. Rec.: B—14-7; NDF—8-12.
EAST CATHOLIC 3, OLD LYME 1 (25-13, 25-16, 16-25, 25-15)
OL: Abby Speckhals, 17assists, Maddie Hubbard, 13digs, Abby Sicuranza, 8 kills. Rec.: EC—11-10; OL—12-10.
EAST HAMPTON 3, WINDHAM TECH 0 (25-12, 25-5, 25-14)
HALE-RAY 3, SMSA 1 (22-25, 25-23, 25-12, 25-20)
PLAINFIELD 3, WINDHAM 1 (25-13, 25-15, 15-25, 25-22)

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BOYS SOCCER

Class LL
First Round—2p.m. unless noted
Byes: No. 1Xavier, No. 2Hall, No. 3Fairfield Prep, No. 4Greenwich
Upper Bracket: No. 17Enfield (6-4-5) at

No. 16Glastonbury (8-5-3); No. 25New Britain (6-8) at No. 8Darlen (9-1-5); No. 24South Windsor (5-7-4) at No. 9Ridgefield (9-2-4), 6p.m.; No. 20McMahon (5-4-6) at No. 13Cheshire (8-4-2), 4p.m.; No. 28Trumbull (4-7-4) at No. 5Norwalk (12-2-2), 6p.m.; No. 21Simsbury (6-5-5) at No. 12Newington (9-4-2)
Lower Bracket: No. 18Hamden (8-6-2) at No. 15Naugatuck (9-5-2); No. 26Southington (5-8-3) at No. 7Farmington (12-3-1), 4p.m.; No. 23Westhill (5-6-4) at No. 10Fairfield Warde (9-2-4), 5:30 p.m.; No. 19Danbury (5-4-6) at No. 14Newtown (8-4-3), 6p.m.; No. 27Manchester (3-6-7) at No. 6Staples (10-1-4); No. 22Conard (7-7-2) at No. 11West Haven (10-4-2)

Class L
First Round—2p.m. unless noted
Byes: No. 1Ellis Tech; No. 2Watertown; No. 3Middletown
Upper Bracket: No. 17HAM (8-3-5) at No. 16Masuk (9-4-3), 6p.m.; No. 25Wilton (6-6-4) at No. 8Bristol Central (11-3-2), 3:30p.m.; No. 24Rockville (7-7-2) at No. 9Guilford (11-3-2), 5p.m.; No. 29Pomperaug (4-7-5) at No. 4Hand (12-1-3), 5p.m.; No. 20Bunnell (8-5-3) at No. 13Notre Dame-West Haven (10-3-3), 3:30p.m.; No. 28Woodstock Academy (6-8-1) at No. 5Abbott Tech (12-3-3); No. 21Torrington (9-7) at No. 12Wethersfield (10-3-3), 7:15p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 18Brookfield (8-4-4) at No. 15Berlin (9-4-3), 5p.m.; No. 26Wilcox Tech (7-8-1) at No. 17New London (12-4); No. 23E.O. Smith (7-5-4) at No. 10Bethel (9-2-4), 6p.m.; No. 19University/Prince Tech (8-5-3) at No. 14Fitch (10-5); No. 27Windsor (6-7-1) at No. 6Platt Tech (10-2-2); No. 22Avon (7-5-4) at No. 11Bassick (11-4-1), 4:30p.m.

Class M
First Round—2p.m. unless noted
Bye: No. 1Nonnewaug
Upper Bracket: No. 17O'Brien Tech (7-5-2) at No. 16WCA (9-4-3), 5p.m.; No. 25Haddam-Killingworth (7-8-1) at No. 8Ledyard (12-3-3), 7p.m.; No. 24Seymour (7-7-2) at No. 9Granby (12-3-1), 7p.m.; No. 29Cromwell (6-9-1) at No. 4Law (14-1-1), 4p.m.; No. 20Norwich Tech (8-6-2) at No. 13Bullard-Havens (10-5); No. 28Windham Tech (5-7-4) at No. 5Woodland (13-0-3); No. 21Lewis Mills (7-5-4) at No. 12Ellington (10-4-2)
Lower Bracket: No. 31Killingly (6-9) at No. 2Suffield (15-1), 6p.m.; No. 18Waterford (9-7) at No. 15Northwestern (9-4-3); No. 26Weaver (7-8-1) at No. 7Barlow (11-1-3); No. 23Wolcott (7-6-3) at No. 10Morgan (11-2-3), 4p.m.; No. 30Tolland (4-7-5) at No. 3Stonington (14-1), 6p.m.; No. 19Plainville (8-6-2) at No. 14Rocky Hill (8-3-4), 6p.m.; No. 27Goodwin Tech (5-6-4) at No. 6Weston (13-1-2); No. 22Foran (7-6-3) at No. 11Bacon Academy (11-5)

Class S
First Round—2p.m. unless noted
Byes: No. 1Holy Cross, No. 20Id Saybrook, No. 3Parish Hill, No. 4Griswold, No. 5Aerospace
Upper Bracket: No. 17East Hampton (7-5-2) at No. 16Innovation (8-5-3); No. 25Classical (6-8-2) at No. 8Canton (12-4), 4p.m.; No. 24St. Paul (6-8-2) at No. 9Oxford (9-2-4), 6p.m.; No. 10Immaculate (8-7-1) at No. 13Montville (10-5-1), 6p.m.; No. 21East Catholic (6-5-5) at No. 12Litchfield (10-4-2)
Lower Bracket: No. 18Thomaston (8-6-2) at No. 15Portland (8-5-2), 3:30p.m.; No. 26Hale-Ray (5-7-1) at No. 7St. Bernard (12-3-1); No. 23Terryville (7-7-2) at No. 10Valley Regional (11-4-1), 4p.m.; No. 19Bolton (8-6-2) at No. 14Shepaug (10-5-1); No. 27East Granby (5-8-4) at No. 6Somers (12-3-1), 3p.m.; No. 22Wheeler (8-8) at No. 11 Coventry (11-5)

FIELD HOCKEY

Class M
First Round
Upper Bracket: No. 16New Milford (6-8-1) at No. 1Guilford (15-1), 2p.m.; No. 9Masuk (9-5-1-1) at No. 8Avon (9-4-2-1), 4:30p.m.; No. 13Bethel (7-8-1) at No. 4Pomperaug (12-2-0-2), 5:30p.m.; No. 12Suffield (7-7-1-1) at No. 5Simsbury (11-4-1), 4p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 15